

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 9 8 4	♦ Q 6 3
♥ 8 4	♦ 9 5
♦ J 9 7 2	♣ 9 5
♣ A Q 10	

♠ 6	♦ A 5 3 2
♥ A 10 7 5 3	♦ J 9
♦ J 9 7 2	♦ A 10 4
♣ A Q 10	♣ K J 6 3



♠ A 10 7	♦ A 5 3 2
♥ K Q 6 2	♦ J 9
♦ K 8 5	♦ A 10 4
♣ 8 7 4 2	♣ K J 6 3

West

1 ♥

Pass

North

2 ♠

by North

East

Pass

South

Pass

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

If you had been the dealer you would have opened 2 ♠. The situation is no different after they open so you Overcall 2 ♠. Everybody passes.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 5
♥ K Q J 9 7
♦ 8 3
♣ K 5 2

9
9 10
12

♠ 4
♥ 6 5 4 2
♦ A J 4 2
♣ A 9 8 4

W N
S E

♠ A K J 8 6 3
♥ 3
♦ 6 5
♣ Q 10 7 6

♠ Q 10 2
♥ A 10 8
♦ K Q 10 9 7
♣ J 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♠ by East			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You don't like to take partner out of his overcalled suit without good reason. Here you have good reason. So you bid 1 ♠. Partner replies 2 ♠. What do you say next?

You expect partner to have three trumps, but he has made a minimum bid. So you take the conservative route and pass.

Deal 3West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ 9 7 6 2
♦ Q J
♣ A Q J 8 7

¹¹
14 3
¹²

♠ 10 8 5
♥ A K J 8 4
♦ K 6 3
♣ 9 5

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♠ 4 2
♥ 10 5 3
♦ 10 9 5 4
♣ K 6 3 2

♠ K Q J 9 7 3
♥ Q
♦ A 8 7 2
♣ 10 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♣	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
ALL	Pass		
4 ♠ by South			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

You have a nice easy decision here. You overcall 1 ♥. Then partner bids 1 ♠. What do you say next?

Whether you play a change of suit as forcing or not, your hand certainly qualifies as one where you should make a bid. Partner doesn't really like your ♥s but you are quite satisfied to play in ♠s. So you bid 2 ♠. Partner jumps to 4 ♠ and that closes out the auction.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 9
 ♥ K 10 7 3
 ♦ A J 10
 ♣ A Q 5

4
 15 9
 12

♠ 7 4
 ♥ 9 4
 ♦ K 9 7 4
 ♣ J 9 8 3 2

W N
S E

♠ K Q 8 3
 ♥ A 8 6 5
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ 10 7 6

♠ A 6 5 2
 ♥ Q J 2
 ♦ Q 8 3 2
 ♣ K 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♦
1 NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3♥ by West			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You treat partner's 1 NT Overcall the same as a 1 NT Opening. You use Stayman and bid 2♣. Partner replies 2♥. What is your next bid?

You have 9 points, an invitational strength hand. You bid 3♥, inviting partner to go to game with a maximum. He declines your invitation.