

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 6 5 4
♥ 7 5 4
♦ A 8 3
♣ 5 3

17
8 6
9

♠ K Q 2
♥ A 9 3
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ K Q 7



♠ J 10 8 3
♥ J 10 8 6
♦ K 10
♣ A 8 4

♠ 7
♥ K Q 2
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ J 10 9 6 2

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

3 NT by North

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
What do you bid?

With no 4-card Major you reply 2 ♦. What
do you bid after partner next says 2 NT?

Partner seems to have about 9 points and
is inviting you to say 3 NT. Since you
have a maximum 17 point hand you
accept the invitation.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4 3
♥ A J
♦ 8 7 6 5 2
♣ 10 9 8

9
6 10
15

♠ K 10 8 5
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ A 9 3
♣ Q 5



♠ Q 7 6 2
♥ Q 6 3
♦ K Q J
♣ A J 7

♠ A 9
♥ K 10 7 4
♦ 10 4
♣ K 6 4 3 2

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♠ by South			

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
What do you bid?

You bid 2 ♠. Partner next says 3 ♠. What
do you say now?

Considering the bidding you have done so
far you couldn't have a worse hand. With
4-3-3-3 distribution and a bare 15 points
you most certainly don't want to accept
any invitation from partner. So you pass.
As you see, 9 tricks are not going to come
easily.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 7 5 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ 9 8 2
♣ 5 3

17
7 7
9

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ J 6 2

♥ A 10 9 5

♦ K Q J 4

♣ A Q



♠ Q 10 9 3

♥ K 8 7 3

♦ A 5

♣ 7 6 4

North

1 NT

2 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

3 ♥

Pass

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
What do you bid?

You respond 2 ♥. Partner now says 3 ♥.
What do you bid?

Partner has told you he has 4 ♥s and approximately 9 points. Add that to your 4 ♥s and 17 points and the total equals a game bid in ♥s. So you say 4 ♥.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3
 ♥ K 8 7
 ♦ K 9 6 5 2
 ♣ 7 6 4

9
 6 8
 17

♠ A 10 9 6

♥ 6 3

♦ Q 10 8 4

♣ K 8 3



♠ K Q J 4

♥ A 10 9 5

♦ J 7 3

♣ A Q

♠ 7 5 2

♥ Q J 4 2

♦ A

♣ J 10 9 5 2

West	North	East	South
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Pass	2 ♣	Pass	1 NT
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Pass	2 NT	Pass	2 ♥
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Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♠
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4 ♠ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
 What do you bid?

When you have 4 cards in both Majors
 you respond 2 ♥. Partner bids 2 NT. What
 is your next bid?

Partner would never bid Stayman
 without a 4-card Major. Since he did not
 like your ♥ bid it is clear that his 4-card
 Major must be ♠s. His 2 NT bid was an
 invitation for you to bid 3 NT, which
 means he has about 9 points. Knowing
 that partner has 9 points and 4 ♠s, your
 call is clear : 4 ♠.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 7 6 3

♥ 5 4 3

♦ A K 4

♣ 4 3

17
7 5
11

♠ K J 4

♥ A 8

♦ Q J 7 3

♣ A Q 10 8



♠ A Q 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 6

♦ 10 9

♣ 9 7

♠ 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 6 5 2

♣ K J 6 5 2

*West**North**East**South*

1 NT

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
What do you bid?

You do not have a 4-card Major. So your
correct response is 2 ♦. Partner bids 2 ♥.

Partner has described a hand with 4 ♠s
and 5 ♥s. You don't know his strength but
it must be at least 9 points. You know
that you have just a 7-card fit in both
Majors, and since you have a full 17
points you bid 3 NT.

Deal 6

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 6 5 4 3

♥ A 8

♦ J 8 2

♣ 8 7

$$\begin{matrix} & 17 \\ 6 & 8 \\ & 9 \end{matrix}$$

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K 7

♥ Q J 10

♦ A K 9 5

♣ K J 9 4



♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 7 3

♣ Q 10 6

North

1 NT

2 ♦

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
What do you bid?

Your 2 ♦ response tells partner you have
no 4-card Major suit. Then he bids 2 ♥.
What do you say next?

Partner knows you do not have 4 ♥s, but
he bid the suit anyway. He must have 5 of
them and he must also have 4 ♠s (since
he used Stayman). But it's the ♥s you are
interested in. Partner has 5 and you have
3. So you know of an 8-card Major suit
fit. And you also know you have a
maximum 1 NT opening. So you say 4 ♥.