

**Deal 1**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 5 3	♦ —	♣ K J 10 2	♠ K 10 4 2
♥ —	♦ A 10 8 5 3 2	♦ —	♥ A Q 10 9 6 3
♦ A 10 8 5 3 2	♦ —	♣ 8 7 4	♦ —
♣ K J 10 2	♦ —	♦ —	♣ 8 7 4
	9	N	♠ 9 7 6
8	8	W E	♥ 8 7 5 4 2
15		S	♦ K J 9
			♣ A 9
			♠ A Q J
			♥ K J
			♦ Q 7 6 4
			♣ Q 6 5 3
West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	1 NT
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
Pass			Pass
4 ♥ by North			

This is the follow-up to Deal T. South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

Just like the previous deal with a 4-card Major you use Stayman. This time partner says 2 ♦. Your turn again.

With partner showing no 4-card Major the bidding takes a turn. With your 6 ♥s you are sure of an 8-card fit in the suit. With 11 points you must be sure of reaching game. So you bid 4 ♥.

In this case the strong hand does not become declarer, but the contract is the right one anyway.

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 3  
 ♥ K Q 7 4  
 ♦ 7 6 4 3  
 ♣ A 8 2

8  
 9 15  
 8

♠ Q 7 6 5  
 ♥ J 10 9 8  
 ♦ A 10  
 ♣ J 9 6

W N E  
 S

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

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

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

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

Partner has commanded you to bid a 4-card Major if you have one. You have one, so you bid 2 ♠. Partner now says 2 NT. What do you bid?

Partner evidently has 4 ♥s. He also evidently has about 9 points since he is INVITING you to bid 3 NT. With your minimum 15 points you decline the invitation by passing.

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
6 8  
17

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 10 8 3  
♥ J 10 8 6  
♦ K 10  
♣ A 8 4

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

<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 South

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 4**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 7 6 2  
 ♥ Q 6 3  
 ♦ K Q J  
 ♣ A J 7

6  
 15 9  
 10

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

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ K 10 8 5  
 ♥ 9 8 5 2  
 ♦ A 9 3  
 ♣ Q 5

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

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

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 5**North Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>17</sup>  
7 7  
9

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



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass

Pass  
4 ♥ by North

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 ♥.