

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ Q 9 6 5

♣ 8 6 3

$$\begin{matrix} 17 \\ 2 \\ 16 \end{matrix}$$


♠ Q J 10 5
♥ Q 9 8
♦ A K 4
♣ A J 9

♠ 2
♥ J 6 5 4 3 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ K 4 2

♠ A K 3
♥ A K 7
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q 10 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by North			

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

You open 1 NT and partner jumps to 4 NT.

This is the sequel to Deal 4. This time you have 17 points so you accept partner's invitation to slam and bid 6 NT.

You have 11 top tricks and can easily set up one more in ♣s.

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

	♠ A K 3		
	♥ A K 7		
	♦ 10 8 2		
	♣ Q 10 7 5		
♠ 2	♠ 9 8 7 6 4		
♥ J 6 5 4 3 2	♥ 10		
♦ J 7 3	♦ K 9 6 5		
♣ K 4 2	♣ 8 6 3		
16	♠ Q J 10 5		
5 3	♥ Q 9 8		
16	♦ A Q 4		
	♣ A J 9		
West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	4 NT	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 NT by South			

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

You open 1 NT and partner jumps to 4 NT.

This is the threequel to 4 and 5. With a "good 16" points you accept the invitation and bid 6 NT.

As you might expect, this time the slam is not so certain, but there is a good chance. If either Minor suit finesse works you can make 12 tricks.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 4
 ♥ A K 8 4 2
 ♦ 10 8 2
 ♣ A 8 3

4
 11 10
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♠ 7 3
 ♥ J 10 9 7 6 3
 ♦ K 3

♣ 5 4 2

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♠ A J 10 9 8 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ Q 9 6 5
 ♣ Q J 7

♠ K Q 6
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ A J 7 4
 ♣ K 10 9 6

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

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

Surprise - you open 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next? (no transfers in this lesson)

Pass. Partner has long ♥s (probably 6) and short points (fewer than 9). He has decided that 2 ♥ will be a better spot than 1 NT. Trust him.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

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



♠ K Q 6
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A Q 7 4
 ♣ K 10 9 6

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

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

You open 1 NT and partner replies 3 ♥. What do you say next?

With this bidding method, partner's bid shows at least 10 points and exactly 5 ♥s. He expects you to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♥. Since you have just a doubleton in ♥s you choose 3 NT.

NOTE: Jacoby Transfers are very useful for this type of hand.