

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 3

♥ J 5

♦ J 10 9 8 5

♣ 10 6 2

♠ 7

♥ 6 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3



♠ A K J 4

♥ A 10 8 4

♦ K Q 3 2

♣ 5

♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ K Q 9 7 3

♦ 7

♣ J 9

 $\begin{matrix} 13 \\ 2 \quad 17 \\ 8 \end{matrix}$

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

2 ♦

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass
3 ♣ by North

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

With two 5-card Majors of course you bid 2 ♦. Partner responds 3 ♣. What do you say now?

This wasn't according to your script. Partner was supposed to choose a Major. The reason he didn't, of course, is that he didn't like either one and figured you would be better in ♣s. So you pass.

Deal 2
West Deals
None Vul

<p>♠ K J 10 5 2 ♥ A 9 7 4 3 ♦ 6 2 ♣ 10</p> <p>♠ 9 3 ♥ Q 8 ♦ K Q 10 9 3 ♣ K Q 6 4</p> <p>8 12 14 6</p>	<p>♠ A 6 ♥ K J 2 ♦ A J 8 5 4 ♣ J 8 3</p> <p>♠ Q 8 7 4 ♥ 10 6 5 ♦ 7</p> <p>♣ A 9 7 5 2</p>
<p>W N E S</p>	

West North East South

1♦ 2♦ 3♦ 3♠

Pass Pass Pass

3♠ by South

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

You don't have a great hand but you DO have 4 ♠s. So don't let the opponents have a 3-level contract when your side has 9 ♠s. Bid 3♠.

Note: See the Law of Total Tricks Lesson on this topic.