

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

17  
8 7  
8

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

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



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

North

1 NT

2 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

2 NT

Pass

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

Partner's command is your wish - you say  
2 ♥.

He now bids 2 NT. What do you say?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and  
exactly 5 ♥. He asks that you take him  
back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You do.  
He is asking you to bid game if you have  
17 points. You do.

So you bid 4 ♥.

With your 3-3-3-4 distribution you might  
have been tempted to bid 3 NT instead of  
4 ♥. It's a good thing you didn't, they  
would have killed you in ♠s.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 7 5 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ 5 3

♣ 7 6

7  
7 15  
11

West

2 ♥

3 ♠

3 ♠ by East

♠ Q 10 8 4

♥ 10 6

♦ J 10 9 6 4

♣ A 10

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♠ 2

♥ K Q J 9 3

♦ K 8

♣ Q 9 5 4 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

2 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

The initial response to a transfer is really  
easy. You bid 2 ♠.

But what do you bid after partner then  
says 3 ♠?

Partner has 6 ♠s and you have 2. So a ♠  
contract is fine.

Partner has 9 points and you have 15. So  
a game contract is too high.

You pass. And you're going to have to  
play great to make even 9 tricks!

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 5

♥ Q J

♦ 10 7 5 4

♣ J 3 2

7  
8 8  
17

♠ 8 7 3

♥ A K 10 8 7 2

♦ 9 3

♣ 6 5



♠ Q 9 4 2

♥ 4 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ Q 10 7 4

♠ A 6

♥ 9 6 5

♦ K Q J 2

♣ A K 9 8

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

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

You follow orders and say 2 ♥.

Partner follows up with 3 ♥. What do you  
bid next?

Partner has 9 points and 6 ♥s. You have  
17 points and 3 ♥s. That adds up to 26  
points and 9 ♥s. You have enough points  
for game and enough trumps to play ♥s  
so you bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 6  
♥ 9 6 5  
♦ K Q J 2  
♣ A K 9 8

8  
17 9  
6

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

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



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

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

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

You say 2 ♠ and partner rebids 2 NT.  
What do you bid?

Partner has 9 points and a 5-card ♠ suit.  
He is inviting you to choose a game if you  
have maximum.

Since you have 17 points you accept the  
invitation, but with only 2 ♠s you choose  
3 NT.