

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 2  
♥ A Q 6 3  
♦ 9 7  
♣ 9 7 6 5 2

<sup>14</sup>  
6 7  
<sup>13</sup>

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ K 9 7 3  
♥ J 7  
♦ K Q 6 5  
♣ K J 8

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

It is your bid.

You show an above minimum hand with 6 trumps by bidding 3 ♠. Partner bids 4 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would have shown a red Ace if he had one. Since he doesn't have one, all thoughts of slam are off. You pass.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 3  
♥ K Q 8 6  
♦ K Q J 3  
♣ 9 7 5

9  
14 12  
5

♠ Q J 8 7

♥ J 2

♦ 10 9 8 4

♣ K Q 4

W	N
S	E

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

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

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

It is your bid.

With 15 points and four of partner's suit you naturally bid 2 NT. Partner now jumps to 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner's rebid of 4 ♥ is not strong. He is using the Principle of Fast Arrival to indicate a minimum opening hand. Since you have nothing extra you pass quietly.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

**14**  
6 7  
**13**

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

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ 7 3  
♥ K Q 9 7 2  
♦ A K J 9 8

♣ 5

West      North      East      South

1 ♥

Pass      2 NT      Pass      4 ♦

Pass      4 ♥      Pass      Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

It is your bid.

Although you could show your singleton ♣ now it is usually more informative to show a second 5-card suit. So you say 4 ♦. Partner bids 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner signed off, showing a minimum, so you have nothing further to say.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

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

**♠ K J**  
**♥ K Q 8 6**  
**♦ K J 10 3**  
**♣ 9 7 5**

**8**  
**14 13**  
**5**  
**♣ J 10 6 4**

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

It is your bid.

Opening hand with 4-card trump support. You bid 2 NT. Partner rebids 3 ♦. What do you say?

The news that partner has a singleton ♦ does NOT excite you. In fact it causes your hand to devalue a lot. So you use the Principle of Fast Arrival and bid 4 ♥.