

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 4 2
♥ J 2
♦ Q J 2
♣ Q J 10 8

14
12 3
11
♣ 9 2

♠ 5 3
♥ A K 10 8 4
♦ K 6 3
♣ A 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ 10 9 8
♥ 6 5
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ K 7 6 3

♠ A J 7 6
♥ Q 9 7 3
♦ A 5 4

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

Nice hand. But not nice enough to double, then bid your ♥s. So you overcall 1 ♥. Partner says 3 ♥. It is your bid.

The jump raise promises 11-14 points. Your 17 plus partner's 11 or so takes you right up to game. You bid 4 ♥.

Deal 2

West Deals	♠ 7 2		
None Vul	♥ Q 8		
	♦ J 5 2		
	♣ A K J 9 7 2		
♠ Q J 9 8 6 4	♠ 10 3		
♥ 6 4	♥ A J 9 7 3		
♦ A K Q	♦ 8 6 3		
♣ 10 4	♣ 8 6 5		
	♠ A K 5		
11	♥ K 10 5 2		
12 5	♦ 10 9 7 4		
12	♣ Q 3		
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

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

Partner has at least 11 points for his 2-level overcall. He might have as many as 16. You have a perfect invitational hand including two sure stoppers in their suit. So you bid 2 NT. Partner raises to 3 NT and you get to play it there.

Deal 3West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 4
 ♥ Q 9 3 2
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ A J 7 6

18
11 **2**
9

♠ K Q 9
 ♥ A 8 4
 ♦ A 10 5
 ♣ K Q 9 3

W	N	E	S

♠ 7 6 5
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ Q 8 7 6 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

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

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

Pass
3 NT by North

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

This hand would be one point too strong to Open 1 NT, but it fits the 15-18 range to Overcall 1 NT. Partner responds 2♣. What do you bid?

Don't get your systems crossed. Partner did not make a cue-bid, he is using Stayman. Since you have no 4-card Major suit you answer 2♦. Partner now says 2 NT and the ball is in your court.

This is just a plain old 1 NT/Stayman sequence. Partner is inviting, and since you have 18 points you accept.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4
 ♥ 10 8 4
 ♦ Q J 10 8
 ♣ J 9 4 2

14
5 11
10

♠ Q 8 6 3
 ♥ A K Q 7
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ K 10 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 2
 ♥ 9 5 3 2
 ♦ A K 4 3
 ♣ A 7 5

♠ A K 10 7 5

♥ J 6
 ♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 8 3

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

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

Wow! Great ♠ support and 15 points. You cue-bid 2♦, forcing partner to bid. He says 2♠. Your turn.

Partner has not made a strong bid and it is possible that T tricks will be too high. But it is pretty likely that game can be made so you bid it. Be bold!