Deal 1
West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 9 7 3
♡ A 8 2
◇ 6 2
♣ A 7 5

♠ 8 5 4
♡ Q 10 6
◇ K J 10 5
♣ Q J 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 2
♡ J 9 7 4 3
◇ 9 8 3
♣ 8 4 3

♠ K Q 6
♡ K 5
◇ A Q 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

9
9 5
17

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

4 ♠ by North

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

Yes this is exactly the same hand you held in Deal 8. You still open 1 NT. This time partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner shows T+ points and exactly 5 ♠s. This time, with 3-card support, you choose game in ♠s, knowing there is an 8-card fit.

Deal 2
East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 9
♡ 8 3
♦ A K J 10 8 2
♣ J 8

♠ 8 7 5 3
♡ A 9 5 2
♦ 9 3
♣ Q 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ J 4 2
♡ J 10 7 6
♦ 6 5
♣ A 5 4 3

13
6   6
15

♠ K Q 6
♡ K Q 4
♦ Q 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

West	North	East	South
		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 says 3 ♦. It's your bid.

Partner has a great hand. A jump to 3 in a Minor suit almost always shows slam interest. But that's partner with interest, not you. You couldn't have a more minimum 1 NT opening bid.

So you just return to 3 NT. Partner gives up and passes.

Deal 3
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 3
♡ A 8 5
◇ K J 3
♣ A Q 8 7 5 4

♠ 7 5 2
♡ J 10 9 7 3
◇ Q 8 6
♣ J 2

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      N
    W   E
      S
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♠ A J 10 9 8 4
♡ 6 2
◇ 10 9 5 2
♣ 3

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    14
  4   5
    17
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♠ K Q 6
♡ K Q 4
◇ A 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ◇
Pass	6 ♣	ALL	Pass

6 ♣ by North

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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 3 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner's jump to 3 ♣ shows at least 5 ♣s and slam interest. Your hand is good enough to encourage that interest so you bypass 3 NT and say 4 ♣. Partner now bids 4 NT. What do you answer?

That is Blackwood. You admit to one Ace and partner bids 6 ♣.

Deal 4
West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 6
♡ K J 6 4
♦ A Q 4
♣ Q J 5

♠ A 5 3
♡ A 10
♦ K J 7 5 2
♣ 8 7 4

♠ J 10 7 4 2
♡ 5
♦ 10 9 8 3
♣ A K 2

N
W E
S

16
12   8
4

♠ Q 8
♡ Q 9 8 7 3 2
♦ 6
♣ 10 9 6 3

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	1 NT	Pass	2 ♡
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2 ♡ by South

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

A 1 NT overcall is almost the same as a 1 NT opening. The range is increased to 15-18, but the main difference is that you must have the opponent's suit adequately stopped. Here you certainly have the stopper so you bid 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♡. What do you bid next?

And the responses are the same also. Partner's 2 ♡ bid is a signoff bid, often called a "drop dead" bid. So even though you really like the ♡s you pass.