

Deal 1East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8
 ♥ 7 6 4
 ♦ A J 9 7
 ♣ 10 9 6 4

3
 9 17
 11

West North East South
 Dbl Pass Pass Pass
 2♦× by South

♠ Q J 10 9 6 5 4 2
 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ 6
 ♣ 8 2

♠ K 7 3
 ♥ A 9 5 2
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ A K J 5

♠ —
 ♥ K Q J 10
 ♦ K 10 8 4 3 2
 ♣ Q 7 3



It is possible your side can make 3 NT on this deal. You have 9 points, invitational strength, and your ♦ stopper is excellent.

However you should look for an even bigger reward by doubling. South is in serious trouble, and when the opponents make a mistake you should punish them.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

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

12	♠ K J 9 3
10 2	♥ A Q 8 7
16	♦ 9 5
	♣ A Q 7

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
2 ♦	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			



Partner's 2 NT bid requests that you bid 3 ♣, so you do. He next says 3 ♦.

Partner's bid is game-forcing Stayman, but with a ♦ stopper (SLOW SHOWS). Holding 4 cards in each Major you bid up-the-line, 4 ♥. Partner now bids 3 NT. What do you say?

Partner would not have asked for a 4-card Major unless he held one himself. Since it wasn't ♥s it must be the other one. You bid 4 ♠.