

Deal 1

North Deals ♠ 6
 None Vul ♥ A Q J 9 8
 ♦ A K 8 5
 ♣ K Q J

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

20
 5 4
 11

♠ A 10 2
 ♥ K 7 5 2
 ♦ 7 4 3
 ♣ A 9 7

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 ♥ by North

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2 ♣. So you open 1 ♥ and partner responds 3 ♥. Now what?

You might bid 4 ♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4 NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid?

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6 ♥.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7
 ♥ 10 8 6
 ♦ A Q 8 5
 ♣ 6 3 2

6
 6 19
 9

West

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by East

♠ Q 3 2
 ♥ 9 4 3 2
 ♦ J 9 7 4
 ♣ K 9



♠ A J 10 6 4
 ♥ J
 ♦ 10 2
 ♣ Q J 7 5 4

North

Pass

Pass

♠ K 5
 ♥ A K Q 7 5
 ♦ K 6 3
 ♣ A 10 8

East

1 ♥

4 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2 ♥ and he promptly raises to 4 ♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.

Deal 3

South Deals ♠ 8
 None Vul ♥ Q 9 8 5 3
 ♦ K J 8 5
 ♣ 8 6 4

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

♠ 7 4 2
 ♥ K 10 7 4 2
 ♦ A Q 4
 ♣ K 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

When you have a weak, distributional hand with 5 of partner's suit an immediate jump to game is usually the best approach. If he has a good hand you will probably make the contract. If he is minimum then you might get a preemptive effect and stop your LHO from entering the bidding.

This is a good example. Partner may be lucky and make 4 ♥. But if they had had an opportunity to compete the opponents might well be able to make 4 ♠.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4

♥ 9

♦ 9 5

♣ A J 9 4

♠ 3

♥ A K J 8 7 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 3

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♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 10 6 5

♠ J

♥ 10 6 4 2

♦ K 10 8 6

♣ K Q 8 2

7
15 9
9

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by West

You can't support partner's ♥s with only 2 of them so you bid your nice ♠ suit. Partner then jumps to 3 ♥. Now what do you bid?

Here's where a lot of players go wrong. Since they only promised 4 ♠s with their first response they think they should now rebid them to show partner they had 5. And this MIGHT work if it turns out partner has 3 ♠s. Not only is this a risky bid, it is unnecessary. When partner jump rebid ♥s he showed 16-18 points and 6 ♥s. So you know of an 8-card fit and you know you should be in game. Bid 4 ♥.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6

♥ J 10 6 4 3

♦ A 10 8 6 5

♣ 10 7

16
5 6
13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 10 9 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4



♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5

North

1 ♠

2 ♦

4 NT

6 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

ALL

South

2 ♣

4 ♠

5 ♦

Pass

As soon as partner opens 1 ♠ you know you will settle for nothing less than the ♠ game. The problem with bidding 4 ♠ right now is that partner will take you for the "weak-distributional-with-five-trumps" hand. So you temporize by first bidding 2 ♣. Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say now?

You now jump to 4 ♠, completing the picture of an opening hand with good ♠ support. Partner bids 4 NT. What say you?

This is Blackwood so you answer 5 ♦ for one Ace. Partner says 6 ♠.