

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

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

12
 6 12
 10

♠ Q J 8 6

♥ 7

♦ A K Q 4

♣ 8 6 3 2



♠ A K 10 9 4

♥ 8 5 3

♦ 6 5 3

♣ K 9

♠ 5 2

♥ A J 9 4 2

♦ J 9 2

♣ A Q 10

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

4 ♠ by South

You have 14 points in support of ♠s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♥, showing a good hand with support and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 3 ♠. What do you say?

4 ♠. Partner's jump shows a good overcall, but not enough strength to insist on game when you might have only 11 points. You have plenty extra so you bid the game.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 8

♥ J 9 4

♦ A 8 6 2

♣ A J

♠ 7

♥ A K Q 10 5 3

♦ J 5

♣ 10 9 8 3



♠ 5 3

♥ 7 6 2

♦ 10 9 7 3

♣ 7 6 4 2

♠ A K Q 6 4 2

♥ 8

♦ K Q 4

♣ K Q 5

11
10 0
19

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

3 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s, 11 points or more.

There is only one thing you want to know now - how many Aces partner holds. So you bid 4 NT to find out. Partner responds 5 ♥. What do you say?

You know you have a loser. Bid 6 ♠.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 5 3 2
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ K 9 5 4

11
 8 12
 9

West

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ 8 6

♥ A 9 8 4

♦ 9 6 5 4

♣ A Q J



♠ Q J 7 4

♥ K Q J 10 2

♦ 8 7 3

♣ 10

North

2 ♣

Pass

East

1 ♣

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

2 ♥

You have 12 points in support of ♥s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♣. Since the opponents have bid two suits you can cue-bid either one of them, so you usually pick the one you have the most strength in. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner had a minimum overcall so he made a minimum rebid.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 6

♥ Q J 9 7 6

♦ Q J 7 5

♣ —

♠ J 4

♥ 4

♦ K 3 2

♣ A K Q J 10 8 6



♠ 9 8 5 2

♥ 10 2

♦ 10 9 8 4

♣ 5 3 2

♠ A 7 3

♥ A K 8 5 3

♦ A 6

♣ 9 7 4

11
14 O
15

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♣

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

3 ♣

5 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♥

4 ♥

6 ♥

You have about 15 points in support of ♥s so you cue-bid 3 ♣, showing a limit raise or better and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 4 ♥. What do you say?

5 ♣. Partner's jump shows a good hand and you have more than you have promised so far. This cue-bid is a different type, showing first round control in ♣s, Ace or void. That was apparently what partner wanted to hear since he went right to slam.