

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul♠ K 10 4
♥ Q 10 7 2
♦ 10 9 8
♣ Q J 6
$$\begin{matrix} 16 \\ 8 \quad 10 \\ 6 \end{matrix}$$

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

 ♠ Q 5 2
 ♥ A 8 6 3
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ 8 4 3

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

3 ♣ by North

With 17 points you have a perfect hand for a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner then says 3♣. What do you say?

Partner's return to your ♣ suit shows he has fewer than 9 points. Although it is possible to devise a hand for him where your side could make 3 NT, the risk is too great.

So you pass. It's a good thing, too.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 3
♥ J
♦ A K 6 4
♣ A K 9 8 3

♠ A Q 6 4 2
♥ 6 3
♦ Q 10 2
♣ Q 5 2

N **♠ K 9**
W **♥ A 10 5 2**
E **♦ J 9 7 5**
S **♣ J 10 4**

♠ 10 8 5
♥ K Q 9 8 7 4
♦ 8 3
♣ 7 6

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♥ by South			

You have 7 points, and basically nothing but s♥. You must make a minimum bid, and the only reasonable one is 2♥. Despite his 17 points, partner passes.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

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

10 **17**
6
7

♠ 7
 ♥ A Q J 9
 ♦ K Q J 7 6 4
 ♣ A 3

♠ J 9 4 2
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ 5 3 2
 ♣ K Q 10 9

♠ A K 8 6
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ 10 9 8
 ♣ 7 6 5 4

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass

Pass

5♦ by North

You have an ideal hand for a Reverse, so you bid 2♥.

Partner now bids 3♦. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand, but at least he came up with a preference for ♦s.

There are no guarantees here, but you should probably try 5♦.

Deal 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
 ♥ K J 9 5 3
 ♦ 9 8 7 4
 ♣ A 4 2

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 8 7
 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 5
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ K Q 9 8 6

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

♠ K Q 9 7 4 3
 ♥ 8 7 2
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ 10 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4♠ by South			

With 18 points you have enough to make a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner now says 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner's jump bid shows a 6-card suit and enough points to insist on game. With your ♥ stopper you might be considering 3 NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4♠.

Be very glad that you did. 3 NT would go down with a ♥ opening lead while 4♠ is cold.