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|---------------|--------------|------|-------|
| <b>Deal 1</b> | ♠ 6 4        |      |       |
| South Deals   | ♥ K 9 8      |      |       |
| None Vul      | ♦ A 9 8 3    |      |       |
|               | ♣ A 10 6 5   |      |       |
| ♠ K Q J 9 8 5 | ♠ 10 2       |      |       |
| ♥ 5 3         | ♥ 7 4 2      |      |       |
| ♦ J 7         | ♦ 10 6 5 4 2 |      |       |
| ♣ K J 2       | ♣ Q 8 3      |      |       |
|               | ♠ A 7 3      |      |       |
| 11            | ♥ A Q J 10 6 |      |       |
| 11 2          | ♦ K Q        |      |       |
| 16            | ♣ 9 7 4      |      |       |
| West          | North        | East | South |
| 1 ♠           | 2 ♠          | Pass | 1 ♥   |
| Pass          | Pass         | Pass | 4 ♥   |
| 4 ♥ by South  |              |      |       |

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

I admit it, I tried to trap you. Just because this is a lesson about Negative Doubles doesn't mean you should abandon your normal good bidding practices. You have a known 8-card ♥ fit so you don't need to bother telling partner about your two 4-card Minors. With 12 points and support you make a cue-bid in the opponent's suit which tells partner you have limit-raise or better.

Partner now bids 4 ♥ which you pass.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

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

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

| West         | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♠          | Dbl   | Pass | 1 ♦   |
| Pass         | Pass  | Pass | 2 ♥   |
| 2 ♥ by South |       |      |       |

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

With 8 points and 4 ♥s you have enough to make a negative double. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say now?

Partner also has 4 ♥s. Unfortunately his strength is only in the 13-15 point range. So you pass.

**Deal 3**

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| South Deals    | ♠ 8 7 5 2   |
| None Vul       | ♥ A Q 6 3   |
|                | ♦ Q 6 4     |
|                | ♣ 7 3       |
| ♠ A Q J 10 9 3 | ♠ K         |
| ♥ 10 7 4       | ♥ 5 2       |
| ♦ J 10         | ♦ K 8 7 5 2 |
| ♣ K J          | ♣ 9 8 6 4 2 |



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

| <i>West</i>  | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 ♠          | Dbl          | Pass        | 1 ♣          |
| Pass         | Pass         | Pass        | 2 ♥          |
| 2 ♥ by South |              |             |              |

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

Partner is showing you a ♥ suit with at least 6 points. With 4 ♥s in a minimum strength hand your rebid is 2 ♥. Everyone passes.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 9 8 6

♦ 7 3

♣ Q 6 5

♠ 9 3

♥ A K Q 10 5

♦ 8 4

♣ 7 4 3 2

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| W          | N       | E     | S           |
| ♠ Q 10 7 5 | ♠ A 8 2 | ♥ 4 2 | ♦ K Q 9 5 2 |

7  
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♦ 7 3

♦ A J 10 6

♣ A K J

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Dbl

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠

2 ♠ by South

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

You just scrape 7 points together. With your 4-card Major that's enough for a Negative Double. So you double and partner jumps to 2 ♠. What is your bid?

Partner's jump is inviting but it takes more than just a simple jump to get you excited with this junk. Even though partner has 16-18 points you pass.