

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7
♥ 9 4 3 2
♦ K 3
♣ Q 6 5 4 2

10
6 8
16

♠ A K Q 4 2
♥ J 10 7 6
♦ 7 5
♣ 9 3



♠ 10 8 6
♥ K Q 5
♦ A 8 6 4
♣ A K 10

♠ 9 5 3
♥ A 8
♦ Q J 10 9 2
♣ J 8 7

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

4 ♠ by North

South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

Yes, this is the same hand as Deal 8. Again you bid 2 ♣. This time partner says 2 ♦.

You need to describe your hand clearly to partner with this bid. You want to show a game-forcing hand (11 points or more) with 4 ♥s and 5 ♠s. You do that by now jumping to 3 ♠.

If partner had just 2 ♠s he would have bid 3 NT. Since he has 3 ♠s he bids 4 ♠.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5 3

♥ 8 5

♦ J 10 9 8 3

♣ A K J

♠ K 10 4 2

♥ A Q 10 9 6 3

♦ —

♣ 8 7 4



♠ A Q J 9

♥ K J

♦ Q 7 6 4

♣ Q 5 3

♠ 8 6

♥ 7 4 2

♦ A K 5 2

♣ 10 9 6 2

9
9 15
7

West

North

East

South

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by East

Even when you hold a 6-card Major, if you have 4 cards in the other Major you use Stayman. Partner answers 2 ♠. What do you bid?

You've found an 8-card Major fit and you know there are enough points for game. So you bid 4 ♠.

Yes, but you already knew you had an 8-card ♥ fit since partner's 1 NT promised at least 2 ♥s. In fact, you could play game in either Major. However, it is often better to play in a 4-4 fit rather than a 5-3 or 6-2. This hand shows why. Played in ♥s you will make exactly T tricks with any opening lead. Played in ♠s you will again make T tricks when the defenders start with their 3 ♣ winners. If they start with anything else you are very likely to make

1 or 2 overtricks by discarding dummy losers on your ♥ suit.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 6

♥ 8 7 5 4 2

♦ K J 9

♣ A 9

15
8 8
9

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ A Q J

♥ K J

♦ Q 7 6 4

♣ Q 6 5 3

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♠ K 10 4 2

♥ A Q 10 9 6 3

♦ —

♣ 8 7 4

North

1 NT

2 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 ♥

This is the follow-up to Deal T. North opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

Just like the previous deal with a 4-card Major you use Stayman. This time partner says 2 ♦. Your turn again.

With partner showing no 4-card Major the bidding takes a turn. With your 6 ♥s you are sure of an 8-card fit in the suit. With 11 points you must be sure of reaching game. So you bid 4 ♥.

In this case the strong hand does not become declarer, but the contract is the right one anyway.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 4 2
♥ A 3
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ K Q 7

8
15 9
8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
2 NT by West			

♠ A J 9

♥ 6 5 2

♦ K 8 2

♣ 10 5 4 3



♠ Q 7 6 5

♥ J 10 9 8

♦ A 10

♣ J 9 6

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q 7 4

♦ 7 6 4 3

♣ A 8 2

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
What do you bid?

Partner has commanded you to bid a 4-card Major if you have one. You have one, so you bid 2 ♠. Partner now says 2 NT. What do you bid?

Partner evidently has 4 ♥s. He also evidently has about 9 points since he is INVITING you to bid 3 NT. With your minimum 15 points you decline the invitation by passing.