

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 6 5 4

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8

♣ K 7 3 2

12
6 9
13

♠ A 7

♥ K 9

♦ K J 9 7 4

♣ J 10 8 5



♠ K 10 9 3

♥ A 10 8 4

♦ Q 10 3

♣ A 9

♠ Q 2

♥ J 7 5 2

♦ A 6 5 2

♣ Q 6 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT

3 NT by South

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You have great ♦ support and perhaps 15 points. The "perhaps" is because partner may have only 3 ♦s, and if you are the long-trump hand any ruffs you take will probably not increase the number of trump tricks your side makes. But still, you have a great hand.

So you bid 3 ♦. Partner now says 3 NT. What do you bid?

You described your hand very well with your first bid. Partner heard the description and chose 3 NT. Since you trust your partner you pass.

Deal 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 7 2
♥ A J 10
♦ K 7 6 4 2
♣ 4 3

16
8 10
6

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by South

♠ A K 6 3
♥ K 9
♦ A 8 3
♣ Q 9 7 5



♠ J 9 8 5
♥ Q 7 4
♦ 10 5
♣ K 8 6 2

North

1 ♣

3 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You must make a weak response, and in theory there are 3 weak responses you could make with this hand. You could bid 2 ♣, 1 ♠ or 1 NT. And while none of them would be actually incorrect the best choice is to show your 4-card Major.

You bid 1 ♠. Partner jumps to 3 ♠. What do you say now?

You started with just 6 points, and after discovering the ♠ fit you revalue all the way up to 7 points. Partner has shown 16-18 and that's still not enough for game. You pass.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 2
♥ J 5 2
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ A 9 5 4

17
5 9
9

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ A 9 3
♥ A 10 8 3
♦ K Q J 6
♣ Q J



♠ 8 4
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A 10 5
♣ 10 8 6 2

North

1 ♦

3 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 ♥

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

Your top priority as responder is to show a Major suit if you have one, so you say 1 ♥. Partner jumps to 3 ♥. What do you say?

Partner knows you may have only 6 points and went to the 3-level anyway. He is inviting you to bid game if you have a bit more than the 6 you promised. You revalue up to T so you have quite a bit more. You accept his invitation and bid 4 ♥.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
 ♥ 10 8 3 2
 ♦ A 7 5 3 2
 ♣ 5 4 3

14
 4 7
 15

West

North

East

South

1 ♣
 3 ♠
 5 ♣
 Pass

1 ♣
 3 ♠
 5 ♣
 Pass

Pass
 Pass
 Pass
 Pass

1 ♠
 4 NT
 5 ♠

5 ♠ by South

♠ Q 10 8 6
 ♥ —
 ♦ K Q J 10
 ♣ K Q J 10 8



♠ K J 9 5 3
 ♥ A K 6 4
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A 9 7

♠ A 7 4
 ♥ Q J 9 7 5
 ♦ 8 6 4
 ♣ 6 2

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You have a very big hand. But there is no need to start jumping before you know whether you have a fit. So just bid 1 ♠, partner cannot pass this bid.

Partner now surprises you with a jump to 3 ♠!. What do you bid next?

Wow! Partner has 16 and you have more than that. Slam appears certain, by why not check for Aces? So you bid 4 NT and partner answers 5 ♣. What do you say next?

You probably say "Oh Darn!" or perhaps something less printable. But then you just sign off at 5 ♠.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 5 4 2

♥ Q J 9 6 3

♦ 8

♣ 5 3

8
8 6
18

♠ K 10 6

♥ 7 5

♦ K Q 9 5 3

♣ 9 7 4

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♠ Q 8 7 3

♥ 10 4 2

♦ 7 2

♣ A 10 8 6

♠ 9

♥ A K 8

♦ A J 10 6 4

♣ K Q J 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♦

Pass

1♦

Pass

5♦

Pass

4♦

Pass

5♦ by South

Pass

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

That is great support, but always remember when supporting a Minor that partner might have only 3 of them. So you bid 2♦. Partner jumps to 4♦. What do you bid?

You were cautious with your first bid, but that is over now. Partner didn't open with a 3-card suit, he really has ♦s. He bypassed 3NT in a flash, so he has no interest in playing anywhere but a ♦ contract. He invites you to bid game if you have something extra above the 6 points you already promised. You have a lot more than that, so you bid 5♦.