

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

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

13  
 7 6  
 14

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ J 7

♦ K Q 6 5

♣ K J 8



♠ A Q J 10 8 5

♥ K 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 10 3

♠ 6 2

♥ A Q 6 3

♦ 9 7

♣ 9 7 6 5 2

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

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by South

Pass

It is your bid.

You show an above minimum hand with 6 trumps by bidding 3 ♠. Partner bids 4 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would have shown a red Ace if he had one. Since he doesn't have one, all thoughts of slam are off. You pass.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 4 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 6 5 2

♣ A J 10 3

14  
5 9  
12

♠ K 3

♥ K Q 8 6

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 9 7 5



♠ A 6 5

♥ A 10 7 5 4

♦ A 7

♣ 8 6 2

♠ Q J 8 7

♥ J 2

♦ 10 9 8 4

♣ K Q 4

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

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥

4 ♥ by South

It is your bid.

With 15 points and four of partner's suit you naturally bid 2 NT. Partner now jumps to 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner's rebid of 4 ♥ is not strong. He is using the Principle of Fast Arrival to indicate a minimum opening hand. Since you have nothing extra you pass quietly.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

14  
 6 7  
 13

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

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



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

*North*

2 NT

4 ♥

*East*

Pass

Pass

♠ A K 10 8 2  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ 7 6 3  
 ♣ 9 8 6 2

It is your bid.

Although you could show your singleton ♣ now it is usually more informative to show a second 5-card suit. So you say 4 ♦. Partner bids 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner signed off, showing a minimum, so you have nothing further to say.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 4 2

♥ 7

♦ Q 9 8 4

♣ A Q 3

13  
8 5  
14

♠ K J

♥ K Q 8 6

♦ K J 10 3

♣ 9 7 5



♠ 10 7 5

♥ 4 2

♦ A 7 5 2

♣ J 10 6 4

♠ A Q 3

♥ A J 10 9 5 3

♦ 6

♣ K 8 2

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

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

It is your bid.

Opening hand with 4-card trump support. You bid 2 NT. Partner rebids 3 ♦. What do you say?

The news that partner has a singleton ♦ does NOT excite you. In fact it causes your hand to devalue a lot. So you use the Principle of Fast Arrival and bid 4 ♥.