

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4
 ♥ Q J 7 5 2
 ♦ J 10 9
 ♣ J 5

23
 5 5
 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 8 2
 ♥ A K 3
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ K Q 9 4

♠ J 10 3
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ 7 5 3 2
 ♣ A 6 3 2

♠ Q 6 5
 ♥ 8 6 4
 ♦ K Q 8 6
 ♣ 10 8 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 23 points you naturally open 2♣. Partner responds 2♦. What do you bid next?

You have 23 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 2 NT. Partner raises to 3 NT and you pass.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

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

$$\begin{matrix} 2 \\ 6 \quad 9 \\ 23 \end{matrix}$$

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

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 2 points you make a Negative 2♦ response to partner's 2♣ opener. He now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

This isn't as clear-cut a decision as you might think at first. Partner is showing 22-24 points, and even though you only have 2 points it is possible that the partnership total could be 26. The thing that should convince you to pass is that a 24-2 point split doesn't play nearly as well as say a 13-13 split would. Lack of transportation would likely kill any chance of 3 NT (or 4♣). So you pass.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4
 ♥ Q J 7 5 2
 ♦ J 10 7
 ♣ J 5

26
 5 5
 4

♠ A K 8 2
 ♥ A K 3
 ♦ A K
 ♣ K Q 9 4

W N
S E

♠ J 10 3
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ 5 4 3 2
 ♣ A 6 3 2

♠ Q 6 5
 ♥ 8 6 4
 ♦ Q 9 8 6
 ♣ 10 8 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
3 NT by North			

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 26 points you naturally open 2♣. Partner responds 2♦. What do you bid next?

You have 26 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 3 NT. Everybody passes.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 3
 ♥ 10 9 2
 ♦ Q J 7 5
 ♣ K 5 3 2

4
 6 7
 23

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 10 8 2
 ♥ Q 5 3
 ♦ 8 6 4
 ♣ J 9 4

♠ A 9 7 4
 ♥ J 8 7 4
 ♦ 10 3
 ♣ Q 7 6

♠ K Q 5
 ♥ A K 6
 ♦ A K 9 2
 ♣ A 10 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2♣

Pass	2♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass

Pass
 3 NT by South

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 4 points you make a Negative 2♦ response to partner's 2♣ opener. He now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

True, 4 points isn't much. But added to partner's 22-24 it becomes enough for a game. Your problem isn't whether to bid to the game or not, (you definitely will), but whether you should use Stayman to find out if there is a 4-4 ♠ fit. You decide not to do this because your 4-3-3-3 distribution removes the possibility of you getting any ruffs. So you bid 3 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals	♠ —	♥ A K Q J 8 6 4 3	
None Vul	♦ A 5		
	♣ Q J 4		
♠ A Q J 9 6 4 2		♠ 10 5	
♥ —	N	♥ 10 7 5	
♦ 10 6	W E	♦ K Q 9 3	
♣ K 8 5 2	S	♣ A 9 7 6	
		♠ K 8 7 3	
		♥ 9 2	
10 9		♦ J 8 7 4 2	
4		♣ 10 3	
West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You only have 20 points, but you have 9 playing tricks. You have two choices, open 4 ♥ or open 2 ♣. Usually 4 ♥ would show a slightly weaker hand than this, so you bid 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♦. What do you bid next?

Of course you bid your 8-card suit. But no jumping, just bid 2 ♥. Partner now says 2 NT. What do you bid next?

Partner has between 3 and 7 points. Somewhere in those points might be the one trick you need, but you don't have any scientific way of finding out. So just bid 4 ♥ and hope.(There it is, the ♣T.)