

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 3
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ 9 5
♣ J T 9 6

♠ A 8

♥ K J 7 4

♦ A 7 2

♣ K Q 5 3

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♠ J 7 5 4

♥ 6

♦ K Q J T 8 4

♣ A 2

♠ K Q T 2
♥ A Q T 3
♦ 6 3
♣ 8 7 4

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♦	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

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North opens 1NT and East overcalls 2♦. What do you say?

Dad-burned interfering opponents. You were going to bid a Stayman 2♣ and now you can't. You also don't want to bid either Major with only 4 of them. And you certainly can't bid notrump with no ♦ stopper. Fortunately the overcall has opened a window of opportunity for you. So you cue-bid 3♦. Even if you and partner haven't discussed this it is pretty obvious that you don't really want to play in ♦s, so the most likely action for him is to bid a suit, and a Major suit would have priority. So really, the cue-bid achieves the same purpose as Stayman would have.

Partner now bids 3♥. What do you say?

Partner showed a 4-card ♥ suit. With your 4 that makes a fit. You have 12 revalued points so you bid 4♥.