

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ K J 9 8

♠ J 5 4

♥ A Q J 8 5 2

♦ 9

♣ A 6 3



West

North

East

South

1 ♠

2 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

You have a limit raise in ♠s; if West had not overcalled you would have bid 3 ♠.

Instead, you cue-bid 3 ♥, promising at least 11 points and support for ♠s. Partner bids the game.

Deal 2 ♠ K Q 6 3
South Deals ♥ A 8 7 3
None Vul ♦ Q 8
 ♣ 8 4 2

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



11
11 3
15
♠ A 10 9 8 4
♥ 9 6 4
♦ A K 7
♣ A 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s.

With your 17 revalued points you know that your side has at least enough for game, so bid 4 ♠.

Deal 3

South Deals	♠ 8 5
None Vul	♥ Q 9 7 3
	♦ K Q 4
	♣ Q J 9 2

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



10	♠ 7 4 2
10 8	♥ A K 6 5 4
12	♦ A J 3
	♣ 4 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♥ by South			

You have a limit raise in ♥s; if West had not overcalled you would have bid 3 ♥.

Instead, you cue-bid 2 ♠, promising at least 11 points and support for ♥s. Partner bids 3 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner indicates a minimum hand and you don't have enough extra to bid more.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 7 5 2
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ 10 9 6

7
 9
 15



♠ A 3
 ♥ Q 8 7 4
 ♦ J 6 2
 ♣ 8 7 4 2

♠ 9 6 4

♥

A K J 5 3

♦

9 7 4

♣

A K

♠ J 10 8

♥ 10

♦ K Q 10 8 3

♣ Q J 5 3

West North East South

1 ♠ 3 ♥ Pass 1 ♥

Pass

3 ♥ by South

You have a pretty good hand and if partner has a limit raise or better you should bid 4 ♥.

But partner doesn't have a limit raise - if he did he would have cue-bid. So you pass.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ 10 8 6 3

♠ 5

♥ K Q 10 9 8 5

♦ 9 8 2

♣ K Q 5

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♠ J 4 2

♥ A J 2

♦ 10 5 3

♣ A J 7 4

♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3

♦ K Q J 7

♣ 9 2

10 7

11

12

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

2 ♥

3 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by South

You would have bid 2 ♠ if West had not overcalled.

Instead, with 4 trumps you can jump to 3 ♠ as a preemptive measure. Partner will not mistake this for a limit raise since you would have cue-bid with 11+ points and support.

The jump to 3 is based on the Law of Total Tricks - bidding to a trick level equal to the number of your side's trumps.

Deal 6

South Deals	♠ 8 4 3
None Vul	♥ K 10 6 4
	♦ A Q 5
	♣ Q 9 3
♠ A K 7 5 2	♠ Q 10 9
♥ 8 3 2	♥ A
♦ K 3	♦ 10 9 8 6 2
♣ 8 7 6	♣ J 10 4 2



♠ J 6
11
10 7
12
♦ Q J 9 7 5
♦ J 7 4
♣ A K 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 ♥
3 ♥ by South			

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♥s, 11 points or more.

You, however, have a bare-bones minimum. So you rebid a minimum 3 ♥, which partner passes.

Deal 7East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 3
 ♥ K Q 10 6
 ♦ 10 8 7
 ♣ J 7 5 4

12
6 12
10

♠ Q J 8 6
 ♥ 7
 ♦ A K Q 4
 ♣ 8 6 3 2

W	N	E	S

♠ 5 2
 ♥ A J 9 4 2
 ♦ J 9 2
 ♣ A Q 10

♠ A K 10 9 4
 ♥ 8 5 3
 ♦ 6 5 3
 ♣ K 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

You have 14 points in support of ♠s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♥, showing a good hand with support and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 3 ♠. What do you say?

4 ♠. Partner's jump shows a good overcall, but not enough strength to insist on game when you might have only 11 points. You have plenty extra so you bid the game.

Deal 8

South Deals

♦ J 9 4

None Vul

♦ A 8 6 2

♣ A J

♠ 7

♥ A K Q 10 5 3

♦ J 5

♣ 10 9 8 3

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♠ 5 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 10 9 7 3
♣ 7 6 4 2

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♠ A K Q 6 4 2

♥ 8

♦ K Q 4

♣ K Q 5

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

2 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♠

Pass

6 ♠ by South

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s, 11 points or more.

There is only one thing you want to know now - how many Aces partner holds. So you bid 4 NT to find out. Partner responds 5 ♥. What do you say?

You know you have a loser. Bid 6 ♠.

Deal 9

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 5 3 2
♥ 6 5
♦ J 10
♣ K 9 5 4

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8 ¹²
9

♠ 8 6
♥ A 9 8 4
♦ 9 6 5 4
♣ A Q J



♠ K 10
♥ 7 3
♦ A K Q 2
♣ 8 7 6 3 2

♠ Q J 7 4
♥ K Q J 10 2
♦ 8 7 3
♣ 10

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

You have 12 points in support of ♥s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♣. Since the opponents have bid two suits you can cue-bid either one of them, so you usually pick the one you have the most strength in. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner had a minimum overcall so he made a minimum rebid.

Deal 10
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

11	♠ A 7 3
14 o	♦ A K 8 5 3
15	♦ A 6

N	W	E	S
♦ 10 2	♦ 10 9 8 4	♣ 5 3 2	♣ 9 7 4

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by South

You have about 15 points in support of ♥s so you cue-bid 3 ♣, showing a limit raise or better and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 4 ♥. What do you say?

5 ♣. Partner's jump shows a good hand and you have more than you have promised so far. This cue-bid is a different type, showing first round control in ♣s, Ace or void. That was apparently what partner wanted to hear since he went right to slam.