

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 6 4 3
♥ Q 2
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 6 4 2

14
7 10
9

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 7 5
♥ A K 10 7 6 4
♦ K J
♣ Q J 10



♠ A K 10 8
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 8

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♥

Pass

You could bid 1♠. Many would do so, thinking "I have to show partner my ♠ suit."

In fact, you don't have to show partner your ♠ suit. You already know of a partnership 9-card fit in ♥s, so there is no reason to search for a possible 8-card fit in ♠s.

With 11 points and 4 trumps you bid 3♥, a limit raise. Partner raises to game.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

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

12
9 5
14

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

You MIGHT jump to 2 NT to "show your points". However, a notrump bid now would deny a 4-card ♠ suit. Instead, your priority is to show that Major, so you respond 1 ♠. Partner bids 2 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would not support a response which might be 4 cards unless he had 4 himself. Knowing that you have two opening hands facing each other, each containing 4 ♠s, you bid the ♠ game.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ 9 8 4 3 2
♦ A 9 4 3 2
♣ Q 5

17
6 8
9

♠ A 10 9 7 5
♥ K Q
♦ K 10 5
♣ A J 7



♠ K Q 8 6
♥ J 7 6
♦ Q J 7 6
♣ 9 6

♠ J 3 2
♥ A 10 5
♦ 8
♣ K 10 8 4 3 2

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

With 4-card support you respond 2 ♠. Partner raises to 3 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner's bid is an invitation. You have told him you have 6-10 points and he probably has about 17-18. If you are at the high end of your 6-T he wants you to bid game, at the low end he wants you to pass. You actually have T, definitely high end, so you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 8 6
♥ J 7 6
♦ J 7 6
♣ 9 6 5

♠ J 3 2
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ 10 5 4
♣ K J 7



♠ 4
♥ 8 4 3 2
♦ K Q 9 8 2
♣ A 8 2

7
9 9
15

♠ A 10 9 7 5
♥ K Q
♦ A 3
♣ Q 10 4 3

West North East South

			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3 ♠ by South

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2 ♠. Partner now bids 3 ♣. What do you bid next?

Again partner is inviting you to bid game. He wants you to bid it if you are at the top of your 6-T range, and he wants you to particularly promote any Help you can give him in ♣s.

You are at the bottom of your range and you have no help in ♣s, so you just return to ♠s. Partner passes.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ A 9 6 5
♣ K Q 7 2

16
10 7
7

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ A K 4 2
♥ A K J 5 3
♦ J 7 2
♣ 10



♠ 9 3
♥ Q 10 6
♦ K Q 10 3
♣ 9 6 5 4

North

1 ♥

3 ♦

Pass

♠ Q 10 8 7 6 5
♥ 8
♦ 8 4
♣ A J 8 3

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

4 ♥

Your only reasonable response is 2 ♥.
Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

With 8 points you are right in the middle of the 6-10 points you promised. So you could either accept partner's invitation or decline it. BUT, he said you should particularly look at any Help you could provide in ♦s. Since you have lots of good stuff in that suit you upgrade your 8 points and bid 4 ♥.