

Deal 1

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

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2 ♣. So you open 1 ♥ and partner responds 3 ♥. Now what?

You might bid 4 ♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4 NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid?

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6 ♥.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 7
 ♥ 10 8 6
 ♦ A Q 8 5
 ♣ 6 3 2

♠ Q 3 2
 ♥ 9 4 3 2
 ♦ J 9 7 4
 ♣ K 9

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♠ K 5
 ♥ A K Q 7 5
 ♦ K 6 3
 ♣ A 10 8

♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ J
 ♦ 10 2

♣ Q J 7 5 4

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

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2 ♥ and he promptly raises to 4 ♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.

Deal 3

	♠ 8		
South Deals	♥ Q 9 8 5 3		
None Vul	♦ K J 8 5		
	♣ 8 6 4		
♠ A Q J 10 9 3	♠ K 6 5		
♥ —	♥ A J 6		
♦ 7	♦ 10 9 6 3 2		
♣ A J 10 7 5 2	♣ Q 9		
	♠ 7 4 2		
6 12 10 12	♥ K 10 7 4 2 ♦ A Q 4 ♣ K 3		
West	North	East	South
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			1 ♥
4 ♥ by South			

When you have a weak, distributional hand with 5 of partner's suit an immediate jump to game is usually the best approach. If he has a good hand you will probably make the contract. If he is minimum then you might get a preemptive effect and stop your LHO from entering the bidding.

This is a good example. Partner may be lucky and make 4 ♥. But if they had had an opportunity to compete the opponents might well be able to make 4 ♠.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4
♥ 9
♦ 9 5
♣ AJ 9 4

♠ 3

♥ AKJ 8 7 3

♦ AQJ 3

♣ 7 3

N	E
W	S
♠ A K 9 7 2	♥ Q 5
♦ 7 4 2	♣ 10 6 5

♠ J

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9

♥ 10 6 4 2

♦ K 10 8 6

♣ K Q 8 2

West North East South

1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Pass

Pass Pass

4 ♥ by West

You can't support partner's ♥s with only 2 of them so you bid your nice ♠ suit. Partner then jumps to 3 ♥. Now what do you bid?

Here's where a lot of players go wrong. Since they only promised 4 ♠s with their first response they think they should now rebid them to show partner they had 5. And this MIGHT work if it turns out partner has 3 ♠s. Not only is this a risky bid, it is unnecessary. When partner jump rebid ♥s he showed 16-18 points and 6 ♥s. So you know of an 8-card fit and you know you should be in game. Bid 4 ♥.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♦ 4

♠ 6

♥ J 10 6 4 3

♦ A 10 8 6 5

♣ 10 7

♠ A Q 10 9 3	♦ A 9 2	♦ K Q J 3	♣ 4
W N E S	♠ 8 5 4	♦ K Q 7	♦ 9
	♦ 8 5	♦ 7 4 2	♣ J 9 8 6 3 2
	♠ K J 7 2	♣ A K Q 5	

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5 6
13

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♠	ALL	Pass

6 ♠ by North

As soon as partner opens 1 ♠ you know you will settle for nothing less than the ♠ game. The problem with bidding 4 ♠ right now is that partner will take you for the "weak-distributional-with-five-trumps" hand. So you temporize by first bidding 2 ♣. Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say now?

You now jump to 4 ♠, completing the picture of an opening hand with good ♠ support. Partner bids 4 NT. What say you?

This is Blackwood so you answer 5 ♦ for one Ace. Partner says 6 ♠.

Deal 6

East Deals ♠ 6

E-W Vul ♥ A Q J 9 8

 ♦ A K 8 5

 ♣ K Q J

♠ K J 9 8 7 3

♥ —

♦ J 2

♣ 8 6 4 3 2



♠ Q 5 4

♥ 10 6 4 3

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ 10 5

♠ A 10 2

♥ K 7 5 2

♦ 7 4 3

♣ A 9 7

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5 4
11

Deal 7 ♠ Q 3 2
South Deals ♥ 9 4 3 2
Both Vul ♦ J 9 7 4
 ♣ K 9

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

N
W E
S

♠ A J 10 6 4
♥ J
♦ 10 2
♣ Q J 7 5 4

6
6 19
9

Deal 8

West Deals	♠ 8
None Vul	♥ Q 9 8 5 3
	♦ K J 8 5
	♣ 8 6 4
♠ A Q J 10 9 3	♠ K 6 5
♥ —	♥ A J 6
♦ 7	♦ 10 9 6 3 2
♣ A J 10 7 5 2	♣ Q 9
	♠ 7 4 2
	♥ K 10 7 4 2
6 12 10 12	♦ A Q 4
	♣ K 3

W N E S

Deal 9 ♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4

North Deals ♥ 9

E-W Vul ♦ 9 5

♣ AJ 9 4

♠ 3

♥ AKJ 8 7 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 10 6 5

♠ J

♥ 10 6 4 2

♦ K 10 8 6

♣ K Q 8 2

15 7
9

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q 10 9 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4

♠ 6

♥ J 10 6 4 3

♦ A 10 8 6 5

♣ 10 7

N
W S E

♠ 8 5 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ 9

♣ J 9 8 6 3 2

♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

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5 6
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♣ A K Q 5

Deal 11

	♠ 6
South Deals	♥ A Q J 9 8
None Vul	♦ A K 8 5
	♣ K Q J
♠ K J 9 8 7 3	♠ Q 5 4
♥ —	♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ J 2	♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 8 6 4 3 2	♣ 10 5
20 5 4 11	♠ A 10 2 ♥ K 7 5 2 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ A 9 7



Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 3 2

♥ 9 4 3 2

♦ J 9 7 4

♣ K 9

♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 8 6

♦ A Q 8 5

♣ 6 3 2

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J

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♣ QJ754

Deal 13 ♠ 8

North Deals ♥ Q 9 8 5 3

Both Vul ♦ K J 8 5

♣ 8 6 4

♠ A Q J 10 9 3

♥ —

♦ 7

♣ A J 10 7 5 2



♠ K 6 5

♥ A J 6

♦ 10 9 6 3 2

♣ Q 9

♠ 7 4 2

♥ K 10 7 4 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ K 3

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12 10
12

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4

♥ 9

♦ 9 5

♣ AJ 9 4

♠ 3

♥ AKJ 8 7 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 3

N
W S E

♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 10 6 5

♠ J

♥ 10 6 4 2

♦ K 10 8 6

♣ K Q 8 2

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15 9

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q 10 9 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4

♠ 6

♥ J 10 6 4 3

♦ A 10 8 6 5

♣ 10 7

W N E S

♠ 8 5 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ 9

♣ J 9 8 6 3 2

16

5 6

13

♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5

Deal 16

	♠ 6
West Deals	♥ A Q J 9 8
E-W Vul	♦ A K 8 5
	♣ K Q J
♠ K J 9 8 7 3	♠ Q 5 4
♥ —	♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ J 2	♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 8 6 4 3 2	♣ 10 5
20 5 4 11	♠ A 10 2 ♥ K 7 5 2 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ A 9 7



Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 3 2

♥ 9 4 3 2

♦ J 9 7 4

♣ K 9

♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 8 6

♦ A Q 8 5

♣ 6 3 2

W N E S

♠ K 5

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ K 6 3

♣ A 10 8

♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ J

♦ 10 2

♣ Q J 7 5 4

6
6 19
9

Deal 18

	♠ 8
East Deals	♥ Q 9 8 5 3
N-S Vul	♦ K J 8 5
	♣ 8 6 4
♠ A Q J 10 9 3	♠ K 6 5
♥ —	♥ A J 6
♦ 7	♦ 10 9 6 3 2
♣ A J 10 7 5 2	♣ Q 9
	♠ 7 4 2
	♥ K 10 7 4 2
6 12 10 12	♦ A Q 4
	♣ K 3



Deal 19

South Deals

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4

9

E-W Vul

♦ 9 5

♣ AJ 9 4

♠ 3

♥ AKJ 8 7 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 10 6 5

♠ J

♥ 10 6 4 2

♦ K 10 8 6

♣ K Q 8 2

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15 9

Deal 20 ♠ A Q 10 9 3

West Deals ♥ A 9 2

Both Vul ♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4

♠ 6

♥ J 10 6 4 3

♦ A 10 8 6 5

♣ 10 7

N
W E
S

♠ 8 5 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ 9

♣ J 9 8 6 3 2

♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

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5 6
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♣ A K Q 5

Deal 21

♠ 6

North Deals ♥ A Q J 9 8

N-S Vul ♦ A K 8 5

♣ K Q J

♠ K J 9 8 7 3

♥ —

♦ J 2

♣ 8 6 4 3 2



♠ Q 5 4

♥ 10 6 4 3

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ 10 5

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♠ A 10 2

♥ K 7 5 2

♦ 7 4 3

♣ A 9 7

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 3 2

♥ 9 4 3 2

♦ J 9 7 4

♣ K 9

♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 8 6

♦ A Q 8 5

♣ 6 3 2

W N E S

♠ K 5

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ K 6 3

♣ A 10 8

6
6 19
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♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ J

♦ 10 2

♣ Q J 7 5 4

Deal 23

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

 ♠ 7 4 2
 6 ♥ K 10 7 4 2
 12 10 ♦ A Q 4
 12 ♣ K 3



Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4

♥ 9

♦ 9 5

♣ AJ 9 4

♠ 3

♥ AKJ 8 7 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 10 6 5

♠ J

♥ 10 6 4 2

♦ K 10 8 6

♣ K Q 8 2

15 7
9

Deal 25 ♠ A Q 10 9 3

North Deals ♥ A 9 2

E-W Vul ♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4

♠ 6

♥ J 10 6 4 3

♦ A 10 8 6 5

♣ 10 7

N
W S E

♠ 8 5 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ 9

♣ J 9 8 6 3 2

♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

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5 6
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♣ A K Q 5

Deal 26

	♠ 6
East Deals	♥ A Q J 9 8
Both Vul	♦ A K 8 5
	♣ K Q J
♠ K J 9 8 7 3	♠ Q 5 4
♥ —	♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ J 2	♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 8 6 4 3 2	♣ 10 5
20 5 4 11	♠ A 10 2 ♥ K 7 5 2 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ A 9 7



Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 3 2

♥ 9 4 3 2

♦ J 9 7 4

♣ K 9

♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 8 6

♦ A Q 8 5

♣ 6 3 2



♠ K 5

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ K 6 3

♣ A 10 8

♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ J

♦ 10 2

♣ Q J 7 5 4

6
6 19
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Deal 28

♠ 8

West Deals ♥ Q 9 8 5 3

N-S Vul ♦ K J 8 5

♣ 8 6 4

♠ A Q J 10 9 3

♥ —

♦ 7

♣ A J 10 7 5 2



♠ K 6 5

♥ A J 6

♦ 10 9 6 3 2

♣ Q 9

♠ 7 4 2

♥ K 10 7 4 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ K 3

6
12 10
12

Deal 29 ♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4

North Deals

♥ 9

Both Vul

♦ 9 5

♣ AJ 9 4

♠ 3

♥ AKJ 8 7 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 3

N
W S E

♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 10 6 5

♠ J

♥ 10 6 4 2

♦ K 10 8 6

♣ K Q 8 2

15 7
9

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 10 9 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4

♠ 6

♥ J 10 6 4 3

♦ A 10 8 6 5

♣ 10 7

W N E S

♠ 8 5 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ 9

♣ J 9 8 6 3 2

16
5 6
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♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5

Deal 31

	♠ 6
South Deals	♥ A Q J 9 8
N-S Vul	♦ A K 8 5
	♣ K Q J
♠ K J 9 8 7 3	♠ Q 5 4
♥ —	♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ J 2	♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 8 6 4 3 2	♣ 10 5
20 5 4 11	♠ A 10 2 ♥ K 7 5 2 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ A 9 7

N
W E
S

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 3 2

♥ 9 4 3 2

♦ J 9 7 4

♣ K 9

♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 8 6

♦ A Q 8 5

♣ 6 3 2

6
6 19
9♠ AJ 10 6 4
♥ J
♦ 10 2
♣ Q J 7 5 4

Deal 33

North Deals	♠ 8
None Vul	♥ Q 9 8 5 3
	♦ K J 8 5
	♣ 8 6 4
♠ A Q J 10 9 3	♠ K 6 5
♥ —	♥ A J 6
♦ 7	♦ 10 9 6 3 2
♣ A J 10 7 5 2	♣ Q 9
	♠ 7 4 2
	♥ K 10 7 4 2
6 12 10 12	♦ A Q 4
	♣ K 3

W N E S

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4

♥ 9

♦ 9 5

♣ AJ 9 4

♠ 3

♥ AKJ 8 7 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 3

W N
S E

♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 10 6 5

♠ J

♥ 10 6 4 2

♦ K 10 8 6

♣ K Q 8 2

15 7
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Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♣ 4

♠ 6

♥ J 10 6 4 3

♦ A 10 8 6 5

♣ 10 7



♠ A Q 10 9 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 8 5 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ 9

♣ J 9 8 6 3 2

16
5 6
13

♠ K J 7 2
♥ 8 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K Q 5