

Deal 1West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 4
 ♥ Q 9 3 2
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ A J 7 6

18
11 2
9

♠ K Q 9
 ♥ A 8 4
 ♦ A 10 5
 ♣ K Q 9 3

W	N	E	S

♠ 7 6 5
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ Q 8 7 6 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♣	1 NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass

Pass
3 NT by North

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

This hand would be one point too strong to Open 1 NT, but it fits the 15-18 range to Overcall 1 NT. Partner responds 2♣. What do you bid?

Don't get your systems crossed. Partner did not make a cue-bid, he is using Stayman. Since you have no 4-card Major suit you answer 2♦. Partner now says 2 NT and the ball is in your court.

This is just a plain old 1 NT/Stayman sequence. Partner is inviting, and since you have 18 points you accept.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 6 3
♥ A K Q 7
♦ 6 5
♣ K 10 6

♠ 9 2
♥ 9 5 3 2
♦ A K 4 3
♣ A 7 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 10 7 5
♥ J 6
♦ 9 7 2
♣ Q 8 3

♠ J 4
♥ 10 8 4
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ J 9 4 2

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Wow! Great ♠ support and 15 points. You cue-bid 2 ♦, forcing partner to bid. He says 2 ♠. Your turn.

Partner has not made a strong bid and it is possible that T tricks will be too high. But it is pretty likely that game can be made so you bid it. Be bold!

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 5 3 2
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ A 10 4
 ♣ K J 6 3

8
 13 11
 8
 ♣ 9 5

West

Pass
2 ♠ by South

♠ 10 7
 ♥ K Q 6 2
 ♦ K 8 5
 ♣ 8 7 4 2

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

♠ K Q J 9 8 4
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ Q 6 3
 ♣ 9 5

North East South

1 ♥ 2 ♠

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

If you had been the dealer you would have opened 2 ♠. The situation is no different after they open so you Overcall 2 ♠. Everybody passes.

Deal 4
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

W	N	E	S
♠ 9 7 5		♥ K Q J 9 7	♦ 8 3
		♣ K 5 2	

♠ 4	
12	♥ 6 5 4 2
10 9	♦ A J 4 2
9	♣ A 9 8 4

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You don't like to take partner out of his overcalled suit without good reason. Here you have good reason. So you bid 1♠. Partner replies 2♠. What do you say next?

You expect partner to have three trumps, but he has made a minimum bid. So you take the conservative route and pass.

Deal 5East Deals
None Vul

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

12
3 14
11

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

♠ K Q J 9 7 3

♥ Q

♦ A 8 7 2

♣ 10 4

W	N	E	S
		♦ A 6	♥ 9 7 6 2
		♦ Q J	♣ A Q J 8 7

♠ 10 8 5

♥ A K J 8 4

♦ K 6 3

♣ 9 5

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

You have a nice easy decision here. You overcall 1 ♥. Then partner bids 1 ♠. What do you say next?

Whether you play a change of suit as forcing or not, your hand certainly qualifies as one where you should make a bid. Partner doesn't really like your ♥s but you are quite satisfied to play in ♠s. So you bid 2 ♠. Partner jumps to 4 ♠ and that closes out the auction.