

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ A 9 6 2
None Vul	♥ A K J 7 4
	♦ 10 5
	♣ 7 3
♠ 7	♠ J 5 4 3
♥ 9 8 3 2	W N E
♦ A K 8 4 3 2	S
♣ Q 8	♦ 10 5

12	♠ K Q 10 8
9 5	♥ Q 6
14	♦ Q J 9 6
	♣ A 9 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	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 2 ♠ K Q 8 6
South Deals ♥ J 7 6
None Vul ♦ Q J 7 6
 ♣ 9 6

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



 ♠ A 10 9 7 5
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ K 10 5
 ♣ A J 7

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

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 3

South Deals	♠ K Q 8 6
None Vul	♥ J 7 6
	♦ J 7 6
	♣ 9 6 5

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

7	♠ A 10 9 7 5
9 9	♥ K Q
15	♦ A 3

♣ Q 10 4 3	♠ 4
W N E S	♥ 8 4 3 2
	♦ K Q 9 8 2
	♣ A 8 2

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 4
 South Deals
 None Vul

\spadesuit 9 3 \heartsuit Q 10 6 \diamond K Q 10 3 \clubsuit 9 6 5 4 \spadesuit Q 10 8 7 6 5 \heartsuit 8 \diamond 8 4 \clubsuit A J 8 3	\spadesuit J \heartsuit 9 7 4 2 \diamond A 9 6 5 \clubsuit K Q 7 2 \spadesuit A K 4 2 \heartsuit A K J 5 3 \diamond J 7 2 \clubsuit 10
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W E
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 \heartsuit
Pass	2 \heartsuit	Pass	3 \diamond
Pass	4 \heartsuit	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 \heartsuit by South			

Your only reasonable response is 2 \heartsuit . Partner now bids 3 \diamond . 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 \diamond s. Since you have lots of good stuff in that suit you upgrade your 8 points and bid 4 \heartsuit .