

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ 8 6 3

16

3 5

16

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by North

♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A Q 4

♣ A J 9



♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5

North

1 NT

6 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 NT

Pass

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

You open 1 NT and partner jumps to 4 NT.

This is the threequel to 4 and 5. With a "good 16" points you accept the invitation and bid 6 NT.

As you might expect, this time the slam is not so certain, but there is a good chance. If either Minor suit finesse works you can make 12 tricks.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 6
♥ Q 5
♦ A J 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

11
15 4
10

West

1 NT

Pass

2 ♥ by East

♠ 5 4
♥ A K 8 4 2
♦ 10 8 2
♣ A 8 3



♠ A J 10 9 8 2
♥ —
♦ Q 9 6 5
♣ Q J 7

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

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

Surprise - you open 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next? (no transfers in this lesson)

Pass. Partner has long ♥s (probably 6) and short points (fewer than 9). He has decided that 2 ♥ will be a better spot than 1 NT. Trust him.

Deal 3

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 7 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ K 10 6
♣ Q J 2

9
6 8
17

♠ J 8
♥ Q J 10 7 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ A 7 3



♠ K Q 6
♥ K 5
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

♠ A 5 3
♥ A 9 6 4
♦ 9 8 2
♣ 8 5 4

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

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

You open 1 NT and partner replies 3 ♥. What do you say next?

With this bidding method, partner's bid shows at least 10 points and exactly 5 ♥s. He expects you to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♥. Since you have just a doubleton in ♥s you choose 3 NT.

NOTE: Jacoby Transfers are very useful for this type of hand.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 7 3

♥ A 8 2

♦ 6 2

♣ A 7 5

5
9 17
9

♠ A 2

♥ J 9 7 4 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 8 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ 8 5 4

♥ Q 10 6

♦ K J 10 5

♣ Q J 2

♠ K Q 6

♥ K 5

♦ A Q 7 4

♣ K 10 9 6

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

Pass

1 NT

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by West

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

Yes this is exactly the same hand you held in Deal 8. You still open 1 NT. This time partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner shows T+ points and exactly 5 ♠s. This time, with 3-card support, you choose game in ♠s, knowing there is an 8-card fit.

Deal 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4 2
♥ J 10 7 6
♦ 6 5
♣ A 5 4 3

15
6 6
13

♠ K Q 6
♥ K Q 4
♦ Q 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6



♠ A 10 9
♥ 8 3
♦ A K J 10 8 2
♣ J 8

♠ 8 7 5 3
♥ A 9 5 2
♦ 9 3
♣ Q 7 2

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

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

You open 1 NT and partner says 3 ♦. It's your bid.

Partner has a great hand. A jump to 3 in a Minor suit almost always shows slam interest. But that's partner with interest, not you. You couldn't have a more minimum 1 NT opening bid.

So you just return to 3 NT. Partner gives up and passes.