

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 4
♥ K J 9 8
♦ 9 8 7 2
♣ K Q 5

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

♠ 2
♥ A 7 5 4 3
♦ Q 10 3
♣ A 10 6 2

♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 10 6 2
♦ J 5
♣ J 8 7 4

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

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would say, then BID above.

With 13 points you will open. You cannot bid 1♥ with only 4 of them, so you say 1♦. Partner responds 1♥ and it is your bid again.

Partner's response is forcing. He might have anywhere from 6 points to about 17. With a minimum opener and 4-card support for his Major suit you bid 2♥. Partner passes.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 4
♥ A 8 7 2
♦ 8 7 6
♣ 10 8 3

14
7 10
9

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 8 3
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A Q 4
♣ K J 5 4

♠ 7 6 2
♥ Q 9 6
♦ J 9 2
♣ A Q 9 6

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

1 NT by South

partner's 1 NT bid DENIES a 4-card Major suit. And third, partner probably has something in ♣s since he has no 4-card Major and also didn't feel like supporting your ♦s.

So you pass and hope for the best.

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With that small doubleton in ♣s it is very tempting to rescue partner from 1 NT by bidding 2♠. There are three good reasons why you don't. First, bidding 1♦ followed by 2♠ is a REVERSE, which shows a strong hand, perhaps 16-17 points or more. Second, and even more important,

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None Vul

♠ Q 10 4
 ♥ 10 6 4
 ♦ K 10 9 6
 ♣ 10 9 2

18
 5 9
 8

	N	
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	S	

♠ A K 9 7
 ♥ A Q J 5
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A 8 6 4

♠ J 8 2
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ A Q J 4 2
 ♣ J 7 3

♠ 6 5 3
 ♥ K 8 7 2
 ♦ 8 7 3
 ♣ K Q 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4♥ by South			

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

The ♥ and ♠ suits look really good, but neither of them are 5 cards, so you open 1♣. Partner responds 1♥. What is your next bid?

Partner's bid shows 6-10 points and at least 4 ♥s. Since you now know there is an 8-card Major suit fit you revalue your hand, adding 2 more points for the singleton ♦.

That gives you 20 points; add partner's 6-T and you have enough for game. She who knows, goes, so you bid 4♥.

Deal 4

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 2
♥ 9 4 3 2
♦ Q 10 9 8
♣ Q J 7

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7 11
7

♠ A 10 9 7

♥ 7 5
♦ A K

♣ A 10 8 3 2

	N		
W		E	
	S		

♠ J 3
♥ K Q J 10
♦ J 6 5 3
♣ K 6 4

♠ K 8 6 5 4
♥ A 8 6
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 9 5

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
ALL	Pass		
4 ♠ by South			

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

You have the right strength but the wrong distribution to open 1 NT. So you bid 1 ♣. Partner responds 1 ♠. What do you say next?

With partner's ♠ bid giving you a fit, your hand revalues to 18 points. If partner has only 6 or 7 points there is not enough for game, but if he has more than that then you should bid game.

When you are in-between like this you just invite. So you jump to 3 ♠. This tells partner to bid game if he has more than the minimum for his bid. He has 9 revalued points, so he bids 4 ♠.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 5
♥ 7 5 4 2
♦ Q 9 8 7
♣ 7 6 5

♠ K J 10 8
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ A 6 5
♣ K 9



♠ 9 6 4 2
♥ A 8
♦ J 3 2
♣ J 8 4 3

♠ Q 7 3
♥ K 10 3
♦ K 10 4
♣ A Q 10 2

14
6 6
14

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

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

This is the one situation when you open a 3-card ♦ suit; two 4-card Majors, three ♦s and two ♣s, but not enough strength to open 1 NT.

Partner responds 2 NT. What do you bid?

Partner's bid shows 13-16 points, balanced. And most importantly, it denies holding a 4-card Major suit. So you do not consider bidding either your ♦s or ♠s, but just bid 3 NT.