

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8

♥ 9 7

♦ A J 10 9 5

♣ J 10 9 5



♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 5

♦ K Q 6 4

♣ Q 8 7 6

West      North      East      South

1 ♥      Pass      Pass      1 ♣

Pass      3 ♣      Pass      4 ♣

Pass      Pass      Pass

4 ♣ by South

Naturally you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 1 ♣. What do you say next?

Partner has at least 4 ♣s and you have 4. So you have found the 8-card Major fit. Now it is a question of finding the right level. Your job is to further describe your hand as either minimum, medium, or maximum. With 17/18 points (revalued) you are a medium, so you jump to 3 ♣.

Partner bids the game.

**Deal 2**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 8  
♥ K 8 2  
♦ 6 5 4 2  
♣ A 9 5 3

**12**  
**8 5**  
**15**

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 10 6 5 2  
♥ J 6 4 3  
♦ A 8  
♣ 7 4 2

♠ A 4  
♥ Q 7  
♦ K 10 9 7  
♣ K Q J 8 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

Of course you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 2 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner has shown at least 11 points and you are forced to bid again. Since the ♥'s rank below ♠'s you can bid them with your minimum hand. Apparently that is just what partner wanted to hear since he jumps to 3 NT which you happily pass.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♦ K Q J

♣ 7

♠ K J 10 8 4

♥ 6

♦ 6

♣ K J 10 5 4 2



♠ Q

♥ A 8 4 2

♦ 10 9 7 5 3 2

♣ Q 6

♠ 6 2

♥ K 9 7 3

♦ A 8 4

♣ A 9 8 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

You open 1 ♠ and partner responds 2 ♥.  
What do you bid next?

Partner has shown 11+ points and at least 4 ♥s. Your hand revalues to 16 points in support of ♥s, where you know you have an 8-card fit or better. You bid 4 ♥ confidently.

**Deal 4**South Deals  
None Vul**♠ Q 6**  
**♥ K 8 7 3**  
**♦ A 9 7**  
**♣ 10 8 5 4****♠ 9 4 2**  
**♥ A 9 4 2**  
**♦ J 6 5**  
**♣ J 6 2****9**  
**6 10**  
**15**

West      North      East      South

Pass      1 NT      Pass      1 ♠  
Pass      4 ♠      Pass      3 ♠  
Pass

4 ♠ by South

	N	
W		E
	S	

**♠ J 8**  
**♥ 10 6**  
**♦ 8 4 3 2**  
**♣ A K Q 9 3**
**♠ A K 10 7 5 3****♥ Q J 5**  
**♦ K Q 10****♣ 7**

We all know you will open 1 ♠ with this hand. And after partner responds 1 NT what is your next bid?

With 6 of them you can rebid ♠s but you are too strong to say just 2 ♠. Your 17 points puts you in the Medium range where you make a jump. So you bid 3 ♠ and partner bids 4 ♠.

**Deal 5**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 5 4      ♠ A 10 2  
♥ 10 6 4 3    ♥ K 7 5 2  
♦ Q 10 9 6    ♦ 7 4 3  
♣ 10 5        ♣ A 9 7

11  
4 5  
20

♠ K J 9 8 7 3  
♥ —  
♦ J 2  
♣ 8 6 4 3 2

♠ 6

♥ A Q J 9 8  
♦ A K 8 5  
♣ K Q J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by South

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 6**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A J 10 6 4	♠ 9 8 7
♥ J	♥ 10 8 6
♦ 10 2	♦ A Q 8 5
♣ Q J 7 5 4	♣ 6 3 2



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

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

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.