

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 2
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ J 10 9
♣ Q J 3

7
9 6
18

♠ 10 7 4
♥ K J 9 8
♦ K 7 3
♣ 9 8 5



♠ A K
♥ 5 2
♦ A 6 4 2
♣ A K 10 7 4

♠ Q 9 6 5 3
♥ Q 7 4
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 6 2

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

You would really love to pass. You have a terrible hand and you like the ♦s better than the ♣s.

But you are forced to bid. And since partner has 5 ♣s and only 4 ♦s, you should take him back to his first suit.

Mercifully he passes.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3 2
 ♥ J 10 9
 ♦ 7 3 2
 ♣ A 8 6 5

16
 5 8
 11

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ J 7

♥ A K 6 3

♦ K Q 10 8 5

♣ K 10



♠ K Q 10 5

♥ Q 8

♦ J 9 4

♣ Q J 9 7

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ 7 5 4 2

♦ A 6

♣ 4 3 2

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

3 NT

When partner shows 17+ points with his Reverse you are sure you belong in game. Since he did not support your ♠s you know he doesn't have four of them. You also know you have an 8-card fit in ♦s, but surely nine tricks in Notrump will be easier than eleven in ♦s.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 8 7
 ♥ J 9 4
 ♦ A 4 2
 ♣ 9 5

6
 10 8
 16

♠ Q 5 2
 ♥ A 8 6 3
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ 8 4 3



♠ 6 3
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ K Q J 6
 ♣ A K 10 7 2

♠ K 10 4
 ♥ Q 10 7 2
 ♦ 10 9 8
 ♣ Q J 6

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

With 17 points you have a perfect hand for a Reverse. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner then says 3 ♣. What do you say?

Partner's return to your ♣ suit shows he has fewer than 9 points. Although it is possible to devise a hand for him where your side could make 3 NT, the risk is too great.

So you pass. It's a good thing, too.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 6 4 2

♥ 6 3

♦ Q 10 2

♣ Q 5 2

16
10 9
5

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ J 7 3

♥ J

♦ A K 6 4

♣ A K 9 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 5

♥ K Q 9 8 7 4

♦ 8 3

♣ 7 6

North

1 ♣

2 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

2 ♥

You have 7 points, and basically nothing but s♥. You must make a minimum bid, and the only reasonable one is 2 ♥. Despite his 17 points, partner passes.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 4 2
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ 5 3 2
 ♣ K Q 10 9

7
 6 10
 17

♠ A K 8 6
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ 10 9 8
 ♣ 7 6 5 4



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

♠ 7
 ♥ A Q J 9
 ♦ K Q J 7 6 4
 ♣ A 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♦ by South

You have an ideal hand for a Reverse, so you bid 2 ♥.

Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand, but at least he came up with a preference for ♦s.

There are no guarantees here, but you should probably try 5 ♦.

Deal 6

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
 ♥ K J 9 5 3
 ♦ 9 8 7 4
 ♣ A 4 2

17
 8 7
 8

♠ J 5
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ K Q 9 8 6



♠ K Q 9 7 4 3
 ♥ 8 7 2
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ 10 3

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

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

With 18 points you have enough to make a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner now says 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner's jump bid shows a 6-card suit and enough points to insist on game. With your ♥ stopper you might be considering 3 NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4 ♠.

Be very glad that you did. 3 NT would go down with a ♥ opening lead while 4 ♠ is cold.