

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ K 4
♦ J 9 7
♣ A 10 5 2

8
8 9
15

West

♠ 9 2
♥ Q 10 9 6 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ K 8 3



♠ K Q 7 5
♥ J 8
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q J 7 4

North

East

♠ A J 6
♥ A 7 5 3
♦ 10 8 3 2
♣ 9 6

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 NT by South

2 ♦

2 NT

Pass

Pass

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦. What do you bid?

This is an easy one. Partner has commanded you to say 2 ♥. So you say 2 ♥. Partner now bids 2 NT.

What is your bid?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5 ♥. He asks that you take him back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You don't. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points or a good 16. You don't.

So you pass.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5 2
 ♥ K 10 3
 ♦ A 6 4
 ♣ 7 6 5 2

8
 7 8
 17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K J 10 6 3

♥ 9 6

♦ 9 8 2

♣ K J 4



♠ Q 4

♥ A Q 8

♦ K Q 10 5

♣ A 10 9 3

North

2 ♥

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♠

3 NT

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

Naturally you say 2 ♠. Partner comes
 back with 2 NT.

What do you bid?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and
 exactly 5 ♠. He asks that you take him
 back to ♠s if you have 3 of them. You
 don't. He is asking you to bid game if you
 have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 3 NT.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 7 5
♥ A 4
♦ J 9 6
♣ J 7 3 2

8
7 8
17

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 9 3
♥ Q J 10 6 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ K Q 4



♠ A 6 2
♥ 8 7 5
♦ A K Q
♣ A 10 9 8

North

2 ♦
2 NT
Pass

East

Pass
Pass
Pass

South

1 NT
2 ♥
4 ♥

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦.
What do you bid?

Partner's command is your wish - you say
2 ♥.

He now bids 2 NT. What do you say?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and
exactly 5 ♥. He asks that you take him
back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You do.
He is asking you to bid game if you have
17 points. You do.

So you bid 4 ♥.

With your 3-3-3-4 distribution you might
have been tempted to bid 3 NT instead of
4 ♥. It's a good thing you didn't, they
would have killed you in ♠s.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
 ♥ K Q J 9 3
 ♦ K 8
 ♣ Q 9 5 4 2

7
 11 7
 15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by South

♠ A K 9 7 5 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ 5 3

♣ 7 6

N
 W E
 S

♠ J 6

♥ A 7 5

♦ A Q 7 2

♣ K J 8 3

North

2 ♥

3 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♠

Pass

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

The initial response to a transfer is really
 easy. You bid 2 ♠.

But what do you bid after partner then
 says 3 ♠?

Partner has 6 ♠s and you have 2. So a ♠
 contract is fine.

Partner has 9 points and you have 15. So
 a game contract is too high.

You pass. And you're going to have to
 play great to make even 9 tricks!

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 5

♥ Q J

♦ 10 7 5 4

♣ J 3 2

7
8 8
17

♠ 8 7 3

♥ A K 10 8 7 2

♦ 9 3

♣ 6 5



♠ Q 9 4 2

♥ 4 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ Q 10 7 4

♠ A 6

♥ 9 6 5

♦ K Q J 2

♣ A K 9 8

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦.
What do you bid?

You follow orders and say 2 ♥.

Partner follows up with 3 ♥. What do you
bid next?

Partner has 9 points and 6 ♥s. You have
17 points and 3 ♥s. That adds up to 26
points and 9 ♥s. You have enough points
for game and enough trumps to play ♥s
so you bid 4 ♥.