

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ K Q J 9 8 5  
♥ 5 3  
♦ J 7  
♣ K J 2

**16**  
**2 11**  
**11**

♠ 6 4  
♥ K 9 8  
♦ A 9 8 3  
♣ A 10 6 5

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

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

I admit it, I tried to trap you. Just because this is a lesson about Negative Doubles doesn't mean you should abandon your normal good bidding practices. You have a known 8-card ♥ fit so you don't need to bother telling partner about your two 4-card Minors. With 12 points and support you make a cue-bid in the opponent's suit which tells partner you have limit-raise or better.

Partner now bids 4 ♥ which you pass.

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 6 4  
 ♥ K 9 8 6  
 ♦ 9 8 3  
 ♣ K Q 6 5

**10**  
 8    14  
 8

West  
 Dbl  
 Pass  
 2 ♥ by East

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

	N		E	
W				S

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

♠ K J 10 9 5  
 ♥ Q J 4 3  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ J 9 8 3

North      East      South  
 1 ♦                  1 ♠

Pass      2 ♥      Pass

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

With 8 points and 4 ♥s you have enough to make a negative double. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say now?

Partner also has 4 ♥s. Unfortunately his strength is only in the 13-15 point range. So you pass.

**Deal 3**

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



8  
12 6  
14

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

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

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

Partner is showing you a ♥ suit with at least 6 points. With 4 ♥s in a minimum strength hand your rebid is 2 ♥. Everyone passes.

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 10 7 5  
 ♥ 7 3  
 ♦ A J 10 6  
 ♣ A K J

9  
 15 7  
 9

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

N
W
S
E

♠ A 8 2  
 ♥ 4 2  
 ♦ K Q 9 5 2  
 ♣ 10 9 8

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

2 ♠ by West

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

You just scrape 7 points together. With your 4-card Major that's enough for a Negative Double. So you double and partner jumps to 2 ♠. What is your bid?

Partner's jump is inviting but it takes more than just a simple jump to get you excited with this junk. Even though partner has 16-18 points you pass.

**Deal 5**  
North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 9 8  
♥ Q 5 4  
♦ 10 9 4 3  
♣ Q 9 3

15  
4 11  
10

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

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

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

West      North      East      South  
Pass      1 ♦      1 ♥      Dbl  
Pass      2 ♠      Pass      4 ♠  
4 ♠ by North

W N E S

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

Partner has indicated a 4-card ♠ suit. Since you also have 4 you will naturally bid them. However, with the ♠ fit your hand revalues to 17 points. So you jump to 2 ♠. Partner bids the game.