

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 4
♥ 8 6 5 3 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ A J 10

6
10 8
16

♠ J 9 8 5
♥ Q 7 4
♦ 10 5
♣ K 8 6 2



♠ A K 6 3
♥ K 9
♦ A 8 3
♣ Q 9 7 5

♠ 10 7 2
♥ A J 10
♦ K 7 6 4 2
♣ 4 3

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | | 1 ♣ |
| Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass | 3 ♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| 3 ♠ by North | | | |

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You must make a weak response, and in theory there are 3 weak responses you could make with this hand. You could bid 2 ♣, 1 ♠ or 1 NT. And while none of them would be actually incorrect the best choice is to show your 4-card Major.

You bid 1 ♠. Partner jumps to 3 ♠. What do you say now?

You started with just 6 points, and after discovering the ♠ fit you revalue all the way up to 7 points. Partner has shown 16-18 and that's still not enough for game. You pass.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 3
♥ A 10 8 3
♦ K Q J 6
♣ Q J

9
17 9
5

West
1 ♦
3 ♥
Pass
4 ♥ by East

♠ K Q J 7 6 5
♥ 6 4
♦ 9 7
♣ K 7 3



♠ 10 2
♥ J 5 2
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ A 9 5 4

North
Pass
Pass
Pass

♠ 8 4
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A 10 5
♣ 10 8 6 2

East
1 ♥
4 ♥
South
Pass
Pass

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

Your top priority as responder is to show a Major suit if you have one, so you say 1 ♥. Partner jumps to 3 ♥. What do you say?

Partner knows you may have only 6 points and went to the 3-level anyway. He is inviting you to bid game if you have a bit more than the 6 you promised. You revalue up to T so you have quite a bit more. You accept his invitation and bid 4 ♥.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
 ♥ 10 8 3 2
 ♦ A 7 5 3 2
 ♣ 5 4 3

14
 4 7
 15

♠ Q 10 8 6
 ♥ —
 ♦ K Q J 10
 ♣ K Q J 10 8



♠ K J 9 5 3
 ♥ A K 6 4
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A 9 7

♠ A 7 4
 ♥ Q J 9 7 5
 ♦ 8 6 4
 ♣ 6 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1 ♣ | Pass | 1 ♠ |
| Pass | 3 ♠ | Pass | 4 NT |
| Pass | 5 ♣ | Pass | 5 ♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

5 ♠ by South

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You have a very big hand. But there is no need to start jumping before you know whether you have a fit. So just bid 1 ♠, partner cannot pass this bid.

Partner now surprises you with a jump to 3 ♠!. What do you bid next?

Wow! Partner has 16 and you have more than that. Slam appears certain, by why not check for Aces? So you bid 4 NT and partner answers 5 ♣. What do you say next?

You probably say "Oh Darn!" or perhaps something less printable. But then you just sign off at 5 ♠.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9
♥ A K 8
♦ A J 10 6 4
♣ K Q J 2

8
18 8
6

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♦ | Pass | 2 ♦ | Pass |
| 4 ♦ | Pass | 5 ♦ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |
| 5 ♦ by West | | | |

♠ A J 5 4 2
♥ Q J 9 6 3
♦ 8
♣ 5 3



♠ Q 8 7 3
♥ 10 4 2
♦ 7 2
♣ A 10 8 6

♠ K 10 6
♥ 7 5
♦ K Q 9 5 3
♣ 9 7 4

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

That is great support, but always remember when supporting a Minor that partner might have only 3 of them. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner jumps to 4 ♦. What do you bid?

You were cautious with your first bid, but that is over now. Partner didn't open with a 3-card suit, he really has ♦s. He bypassed 3 NT in a flash, so he has no interest in playing anywhere but a ♦ contract. He invites you to bid game if you have something extra above the 6 points you already promised. You have a lot more than that, so you bid 5 ♦.