

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

16  
 8 10  
 6

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



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

♠ A J 9 8 7  
 ♥ J 9 4  
 ♦ A 4 2  
 ♣ 9 5

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

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 2**

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



♠ 10 8 5

♥ K Q 9 8 7 4

♦ 8 3

♣ 7 6

*North*

1 ♣

2 ♦

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 ♥

2 ♥

♠ K 9

♥ A 10 5 2

♦ J 9 7 5

♣ J 10 4

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 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

17  
 10 6  
 7

West

North

East

South

|      |     |      |      |
|------|-----|------|------|
|      | 1 ♦ | Pass | 1 ♠  |
| Pass | 2 ♥ | Pass | 3 ♦  |
| Pass | 5 ♦ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass |     |      |      |

5 ♦ by North

♠ 7

♥ A Q J 9

♦ K Q J 7 6 4

♣ A 3



♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 5 3

♦ 5 3 2

♣ K Q 10 9

♠ A K 8 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 10 9 8

♣ 7 6 5 4

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 4**

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 3NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4♠.

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