

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
 ♥ K 10 9
 ♦ 10 8 5 3 2
 ♣ 10 7 5 4

14
 3 12
 11

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3

♦ K Q J 7

♣ Q 2



♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ K J 9 8

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

3 ♥

Pass

You have a limit raise in ♠s; if East had not overcalled you would have bid 3 ♠.

Instead, you cue-bid 3 ♥, promising at least 11 points and support for ♠s. Partner bids the game.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 6 3

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ Q 8

♣ 8 4 2

3
11 15
11

West

3 ♣

Pass

4 ♠ by East

♠ 5

♥ J 10 5 2

♦ 10 6 5 4 3 2

♣ Q 3

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♠ J 7 2

♥ K Q

♦ J 9

♣ K J 10 9 7 6

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

4 ♠

South

2 ♣

Pass

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s.

With your 17 revalued points you know that your side has at least enough for game, so bid 4 ♠.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q J 10 9 3

♥ 8

♦ 9 8 7 5

♣ 5

10
10 8
12

West

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥ by South

North

2 ♠

Pass

♠ 8 5

♥ Q 9 7 3

♦ K Q 4

♣ Q J 9 2



♠ 7 4 2

♥ A K 6 5 4

♦ A J 3

♣ 4 3

East

Pass

Pass

♠ 6

♥ J 10 2

♦ 10 6 2

♣ A K 10 8 7 6

South

1 ♥

3 ♥

You have a limit raise in ♥s; if West had not overcalled you would have bid 3 ♥.

Instead, you cue-bid 2 ♠, promising at least 11 points and support for ♥s. Partner bids 3 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner indicates a minimum hand and you don't have enough extra to bid more.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 4
♥ A K J 5 3
♦ 9 7 4
♣ A K

9
15 7
9

West

1 ♥

Pass

3 ♥ by West

♠ K Q 7 5 2

♥ 9 6 2

♦ A 5

♣ 10 9 6



♠ J 10 8

♥ 10

♦ K Q 10 8 3

♣ Q J 5 3

North

1 ♠

Pass

East

3 ♥

South

Pass

You have a pretty good hand and if partner has a limit raise or better you should bid 4 ♥.

But partner doesn't have a limit raise - if he did he would have cue-bid. So you pass.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 2

♥ A J 2

♦ 10 5 3

♣ A J 7 4

12

11 10

7

West

Pass

3 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3

♦ K Q J 7

♣ 9 2



♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ 10 8 6 3

North

1 ♠

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

3 ♠

You would have bid 2 ♠ if East had not overcalled.

Instead, with 4 trumps you can jump to 3 ♠ as a preemptive measure. Partner will not mistake this for a limit raise since you would have cue-bid with 11+ points and support.

The jump to 3 is based on the Law of Total Tricks - bidding to a trick level equal to the number of your side's trumps.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4 3
 ♥ K 10 6 4
 ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ Q 9 3

7
 11 12
 10

West

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♥ by East

♠ Q 10 9

♥ A

♦ 10 9 8 6 2

♣ J 10 4 2



♠ A K 7 5 2

♥ 8 3 2

♦ K 3

♣ 8 7 6

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

3 ♥

South

1 ♠

Pass

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♥s,
 11 points or more.

You, however, have a bare-bones
 minimum. So you rebid a minimum 3 ♥,
 which partner passes.

Deal 7

East Deals

None Vul

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

12
 6 12
 10

♠ Q J 8 6

♥ 7

♦ A K Q 4

♣ 8 6 3 2



♠ A K 10 9 4

♥ 8 5 3

♦ 6 5 3

♣ K 9

♠ 5 2

♥ A J 9 4 2

♦ J 9 2

♣ A Q 10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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		1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♠ by South

You have 14 points in support of ♠s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♥, showing a good hand with support and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 3 ♠. What do you say?

4 ♠. Partner's jump shows a good overcall, but not enough strength to insist on game when you might have only 11 points. You have plenty extra so you bid the game.

Deal 8

West Deals ♠ 7
 None Vul ♥ A K Q 10 5 3
 ♦ J 5

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

♠ 5 3
 ♥ 7 6 2
 ♦ 10 9 7 3
 ♣ 7 6 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 ♠ by West			

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s, 11 points or more.

There is only one thing you want to know now - how many Aces partner holds. So you bid 4 NT to find out. Partner responds 5 ♥. What do you say?

You know you have a loser. Bid 6 ♠.

Deal 9

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 7 4
♥ K Q J 10 2
♦ 8 7 3
♣ 10

♠ K 10
♥ 7 3
♦ A K Q 2
♣ 8 7 6 3 2



♠ A 9 5 3 2
♥ 6 5
♦ J 10
♣ K 9 5 4

9
12 8
11

♠ 8 6
♥ A 9 8 4
♦ 9 6 5 4
♣ A Q J

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

You have 12 points in support of ♥s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♣. Since the opponents have bid two suits you can cue-bid either one of them, so you usually pick the one you have the most strength in. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner had a minimum overcall so he made a minimum rebid.

Deal 10

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 6
 ♥ Q J 9 7 6
 ♦ Q J 7 5
 ♣ —

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 11 15
 14

♠ 9 8 5 2
 ♥ 10 2
 ♦ 10 9 8 4
 ♣ 5 3 2



♠ J 4
 ♥ 4
 ♦ K 3 2
 ♣ A K Q J 10 8 6

♠ A 7 3
 ♥ A K 8 5 3
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ 9 7 4

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	2 ♣
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	6 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
6 ♥ by East			

You have about 15 points in support of ♥s so you cue-bid 3 ♣, showing a limit raise or better and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 4 ♥. What do you say?

5 ♣. Partner's jump shows a good hand and you have more than you have promised so far. This cue-bid is a different type, showing first round control in ♣s, Ace or void. That was apparently what partner wanted to hear since he went right to slam.