

Deal 1	♠ A J 8 5 4		
South Deals	♥ K Q 10 8 3		
None Vul	♦ 6		
	♣ 7 5		
♠ K 10 9 7	♠ 3 2		
♥ 6 2	♥ J 9 5		
♦ 10 8 7 4 3	♦ A Q 5		
♣ A 10	♣ J 9 6 4 2		
	♠ Q 6		
10 7 8 15	♥ A 7 4 ♦ K J 9 2 ♣ K Q 8 3		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

after partner's game bid.

South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

This is the sequel to Deal 6. You are 5-5 in the Majors again, but this time you have game forcing strength.

The preferred method for this hand is to transfer partner to ♠s, so you bid 2 ♥.

What do you bid after partner completes the transfer?

You show your second 5-card Major by bidding 3 ♥. Since this shows game-forcing strength (11+ points) partner may not pass, but must bid either 4 ♥ or 4 ♠. In this Deal he naturally bids 4 ♥.

If you held an even stronger hand and wished to move toward a slam you would start out the same way but then bid again 4 ♥.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 10 7 5

♥ 4

♦ 9 8 6

♣ A K Q 5

♠ 6 3 2

♥ K 9 3

♦ K 5 4

♣ 7 4 3 2



♠ J 4

♥ A Q J 5

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 10 9 6

♠ K 9 8

♥ 10 8 7 6 2

♦ 10 7 2

♣ J 8

West

North

East

South

2 ♥

Pass

1 NT

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by East

East opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

Initiate the transfer by bidding 2 ♥. After partner responds 2 ♪ what do you bid?

Your bid of a minor suit here shows at least 4 cards and is a slam try. With a weaker hand you would probably just bid 2 NT or 3 NT.

Having made the try, you accept whatever partner decides. In this case, with a 15 point minimum, a doubleton ♠ and no ♣ fit, partner settles on 3 NT.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6
♥ 10 7 6 5 2
♦ Q J 2
♣ 10 9

♠ A Q 10 7 5

♥ A 4

♦ 9 8 6

♣ K Q 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 4 3 2
♥ J 8 3
♦ A 5 4
♣ 8 6 3 2

15
3 5
17

♠ K J
♥ K Q 9
♦ K 10 7 3
♣ A J 7 4

West North East South
Pass 2 ♥ Pass 1 NT

Pass 4 NT Pass 2 ♠
Pass Pass Pass 6 NT

6 NT by South

South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

With 16 points you have to be thinking about slam. But first things first, start the transfer process by bidding 2 ♥.

What is your next bid after partner's 2 ♠?

With 16 points you want to make an invitation to slam, but you also need to let partner know that you only have 5 ♠ so that he can play notrump when he only has a doubleton ♠.

The BEST way to say both these things is to bid 4 NT. This is similar to the 2 NT bid in Deal 2.

But you can see the problem with the bid - if partner mistakes it for Blackwood 4 NT things could get very confused. So

don't use this unless you know both of you are on the same wavelength.

Here both partners understood the bid and South bid 6 NT.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 2
♥ A J 3
♦ A K 6 4
♣ K Q J 10

20 6
9 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 10 6 4 3
♥ 10 2
♦ Q J 8
♣ 9 6 5

♠ 7 5
♥ K Q 8 7 4
♦ 10 9 3
♣ 8 7 4

♠ A J 9 8
♥ 9 6 5
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 NT	Pass	♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by West			

West opens 2 NT showing a balanced 20-21 point hand. What do you respond?

Jacoby Transfers work fine with 2 NT openings also. You should bid 3 ♦ as a transfer to ♥s. Partner complies by saying 3 ♥. What do you say now?

You bid 3 NT which tells partner you have just 5 ♥s and lets him decide on which game to play.

On this Deal partner has 3 ♥s so he bids on to 4 ♥.

Notice that when partner opens 2 NT the invitation to game option is no longer available. As responder you must decide immediately whether to stop short of game (by transferring then passing) or to go to game. This is not a serious problem since the tighter (20-21) point range makes responder's decision easier to make.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 6
♥ A 7 5 3
♦ 10 8 3 2
♣ 9 6

15
9 8
8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 7 5
♥ J 8
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q J 7 4

♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ K 4
♦ J 9 7
♣ A 10 5 2

♠ 9 2
♥ Q 10 9 6 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ K 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 NT by North			

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 6

East Deals

None Vul

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

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

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.