

**Deal 1**  
North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 7 4	♠ Q J 8 5		
♥ 8 6 3	♥ K 9		
♦ A J 7 4 3	♦ K 6 2		
♣ J 10 5	♣ A 8 6 3		
13 6 8 13	♠ A K 10 3 ♥ A Q 7 5 ♦ 10 9 5 ♣ 7 2		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
4 ♠ by North			

If you thought you couldn't bid 1 ♠ because it would have been a Reverse just think again.

A Reverse is when you bid a higher-ranking second suit at the 2-level. This is just normal bidding of suits up the line.

Partner now takes control and bids the ♠ game.

**Deal 2**

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

♠ J 6 4
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 8 7 3 2
♣ A 6 4

13	♠ 10 7 2
5 8	♥ A K 9 4
14	♦ Q 5 4
	♣ K Q 5

N	♠ A 9 5
W	♥ 10 7 6 5 3
E	♦ A 9
S	♣ 8 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	ALL	Pass
3 NT by South			

Don't bid 2 ♥. That would be a Reverse, showing at least 17 points. A 2 ♥ bid would also show longer ♣s than ♥s. Don't bid 2 ♠. That would be showing 4-card support.

So with your minimum hand you bid 1 NT which partner raises to 3 NT.

**Deal 3**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

6  
 11 7  
 16

N  
W E  
S

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

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

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

At your first turn you bid your ♥ suit, up-the-line. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You only have 7 points, but partner Reversed so you cannot pass. You need to make a bid to show your minimum, and you cannot support either of partner's suits, nor can you rebid your ♥s.

However, you also cannot bid your ♠ suit. That would be fourth-suit-forcing, and would show a game forcing hand of 9 or more points.

Instead you bid 2 NT. Partner has a bare 17 so he passes.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

**♠ 4 2**  
**♥ 9 7 5 3**  
**♦ 9 8 7 4**  
**♣ A 3 2**

**♠ J**  
**11**  
**8 4**  
**17**  
**♦ A Q 10**  
**♦ A Q J 3**  
**♣ Q J 9 8 6**

West	North	East	South
			<b>1 ♣</b>
Pass	<b>1 ♠</b>	Pass	<b>2 ♦</b>
Pass	<b>3 ♠</b>	Pass	<b>3 NT</b>
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT 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. You don't have ♠ support but you do have good ♥ stoppers so you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 4 3 2

♥ 7 2

♦ K J 2

♣ 9 5 2

♠ 6

♥ A K Q 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ A Q J 10 3



♠ J 7

♥ J 9 3

♦ A Q 10 7 5

♣ 8 6 4

♠ A Q 9 8 5

<sup>16</sup>  
 7 8  
 9

♥ 10 8 6 5

♦ 8 4

♣ K 7

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

With his Reverse, partner has shown at least 17 points and at least 4 ♥s.

You could fall back on the guidelines and say that with 10 points you need to make a positive bid at this time, but it is simpler to just rely on "SHE WHO KNOWS, GOES."

Since you know of an 8-card ♥ fit and at least 27 points you bid 4 ♥.