

Deal 1South Deals
None Vul

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

8	♦ A K 7 4
9	♦ K Q 9 6
10	♦ J 8
13	♣ 9 7 6

N	W	E	S
♠ 8 5 2	♦ A J 10	♦ K 6 5 3	♣ Q 4 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	Pass		2 ♠
2 ♠ by North			

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

You have plenty good support to raise partner's ♣ suit. But your first priority is to show a 4-card Major suit if you have one. You do, so you respond 1 ♠. Partner raises you to 2 ♠.

Are you tempted to take partner back to ♣s since you have such good support? Don't be. Partner has 4 ♣s, but he might have only 3 ♣s.

Are you tempted to bid 3 ♠ since partner raised you? Don't be. He showed a minimum hand with his single raise and you only have 9 points. Just pass.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ 9 6 5
♣ A K 9 6 4

14
7 6
13

♠ A K 9
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ 10 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 10 5 4 3
♥ 7 4
♦ J 7
♣ Q 7 2

♠ 7 6
♥ A J 9 6
♦ A K 8 3
♣ J 8 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

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Some might jump to 2 NT, "to show partner my point count". Some might jump to 3 ♦, "to force partner to game and show my ♦ support". The wise ones will just bid 1 ♥, striving to find an 8-card Major fit, the first priority of bidding.

You choose the 1 ♥ route, and partner obligingly says 2 ♥. What do you bid next?

Remember "She who knows, goes"? You know of the 8-card Major fit. You know of at least 26 combined points. You know you should bid 4 ♥, so you do.

Deal 3
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

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

When you have two 4-card suits to show you bid them "up-the-line". In this case it means you say 1 ♥. Partner replies 1 ♠. What do you bid?

There are enough points for game and a known 8-card Major fit. So you bid 4 ♠.

Perfect bidding isn't always rewarded. They can win three ♦ tricks and the Ace of trumps. If the opening lead is a ♥ or a ♣ you might make it, so it just depends on luck.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 6
♥ A 4
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q J 10 8 7

♠ K 10 4

♥ J 9 7

♦ A K 7 2

♣ K 5 3



♠ Q 8 3 2
♥ Q 8 5 3 2
♦ 10 4
♣ 4 2

♠ A J 5
♥ K 10 6
♦ Q 9 8 6
♣ A 9 6

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

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

You have two very good choices, neither of which is really wrong. You could bid 2 NT, showing 13-16 points, balanced, or you could bid 3 ♦, showing 13-16 points, good trump support.

What should decide you is the bidding priorities. You'd much rather try to play a 9-trick game than an 11-trick game. And at the same time you must trust your partner not to leave you hung out in Notrump with an unsuitable hand. (Can you believe I wrote Notrump and unsuitable in the same sentence?)

Anyway, you bid 2 NT and partner raises to 3 NT.

Deal 5
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 7 4
♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ J 9 5
♣ 6 4

14
7 5
14

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 3
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q J 5

♠ J 6 5
♥ 9 3
♦ 10 8 4 3
♣ A 10 9 7

♠ A K 9 2
♥ J 5
♦ K 7 2
♣ K 8 3 2

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

3 NT by North

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

With 14 points and a 4-3-3-3 distribution this could be the perfect hand for a jump to 2 NT. But not when the 4-card suit is a Major - you should not skip bidding a Major when you have the opportunity.

So you respond 1 ♥. Partner says 1 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner doesn't have 4 ♥s so you go back to thinking this is an ideal notrump hand. So ideal that you apply the "She who knows, goes" principle and bid 3 NT. Partner smiles and passes.