

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 2
♥ A Q 6 3
♦ 9 7
♣ 9 7 6 5 2

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

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ J 7
♦ K Q 6 5
♣ K J 8

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

It is your bid.

You show an above minimum hand with 6 trumps by bidding 3 ♠. Partner bids 4 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would have shown a red Ace if he had one. Since he doesn't have one, all thoughts of slam are off. You pass.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

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

♠ A 6 5
 ♥ A 10 7 5 4
 ♦ A 7
 ♣ 8 6 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ Q J 8 7
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ 10 9 8 4
 ♣ K Q 4

West North East South
 Pass 2 NT Pass 1 ♥
 Pass Pass Pass 4 ♥
 4 ♥ by South

It is your bid.

With 15 points and four of partner's suit you naturally bid 2 NT. Partner now jumps to 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner's rebid of 4 ♥ is not strong. He is using the Principle of Fast Arrival to indicate a minimum opening hand. Since you have nothing extra you pass quietly.

Deal 3

North Deals	♠ 7 3		
None Vul	♥ K Q 9 7 2		
	♦ A K J 9 8		
	♣ 5		
♠ A K 10 8 2	♠ 9 6 5 4		
♥ 8	♥ 5 4 3		
♦ 7 6 3	♦ 10 4		
♣ 9 8 6 2	♣ A Q 10 4		
	♠ Q J		
13 7 6 14	♥ A J 10 6		
	♦ Q 5 2		
	♣ K J 7 3		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

It is your bid.

Although you could show your singleton ♣ now it is usually more informative to show a second 5-card suit. So you say 4♦. Partner bids 4♥. What do you say?

Partner signed off, showing a minimum, so you have nothing further to say.

Deal 4

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



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

It is your bid.

Opening hand with 4-card trump support. You bid 2 NT. Partner rebids 3 ♦. What do you say?

The news that partner has a singleton ♦ does NOT excite you. In fact it causes your hand to devalue a lot. So you use the Principle of Fast Arrival and bid 4 ♥.