

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8
♥ 9 7
♦ A J 10 9 5
♣ J 10 9 5

15
7 8
10

♠ A 10 6 5
♥ A K 8 6 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A 3



♠ K 9 7 3
♥ 5
♦ K Q 6 4
♣ Q 8 7 6

♠ Q 4 2
♥ Q J 10 3 2
♦ 8 3
♣ K 4 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

Naturally you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 1 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner has at least 4 ♠s and you have 4. So you have found the 8-card Major fit. Now it is a question of finding the right level. Your job is to further describe your hand as either minimum, medium, or maximum. With 17/18 points (revalued) you are a medium, so you jump to 3 ♠.

Partner bids the game.

Deal 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8
♥ K 8 2
♦ 6 5 4 2
♣ A 9 5 3

12
8 5
15

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K Q 9 7 3
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ Q J 3
♣ 10



♠ A 4
♥ Q 7
♦ K 10 9 7
♣ K Q J 8 6

North

1 ♠

2 ♥

Pass

♠ 10 6 5 2
♥ J 6 4 3
♦ A 8
♣ 7 4 2

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

3 NT

Of course you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 2 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner has shown at least 11 points and you are forced to bid again. Since the ♥s rank below ♠s you can bid them with your minimum hand. Apparently that is just what partner wanted to hear since he jumps to 3 NT which you happily pass.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

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

	♠ 6 2
	♥ K 9 7 3
	♦ A 8 4
	♣ A 9 8 3

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

You open 1 ♠ and partner responds 2 ♥.
What do you bid next?

Partner has shown 11+ points and at least 4 ♥s. Your hand revalues to 16 points in support of ♥s, where you know you have an 8-card fit or better. You bid 4 ♥ confidently.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 4 2
♥ A 9 4 2
♦ J 6 5
♣ J 6 2

9
6 10
15

♠ Q 6
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ A 9 7
♣ 10 8 5 4



♠ A K 10 7 5 3
♥ Q J 5
♦ K Q 10
♣ 7

♠ J 8
♥ 10 6
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ A K Q 9 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

We all know you will open 1 ♠ with this hand. And after partner responds 1 NT what is your next bid?

With 6 of them you can rebid ♠s but you are too strong to say just 2 ♠. Your 17 points puts you in the Medium range where you make a jump. So you bid 3 ♠ and partner bids 4 ♠.

Deal 5

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 2
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A 9 7

♠ Q 5 4
♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 10 5

N
W E
S

♠ K J 9 8 7 3
♥ —
♦ J 2
♣ 8 6 4 3 2

11
4 5
20

♠ 6
♥ A Q J 9 8
♦ A K 8 5
♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by South

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2 ♣. So you open 1 ♥ and partner responds 3 ♥. Now what?

You might bid 4 ♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4 NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid?

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6 ♥.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ J

♦ 10 2

♣ Q J 7 5 4

6
9 6
19

♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 8 6

♦ A Q 8 5

♣ 6 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q 3 2

♥ 9 4 3 2

♦ J 9 7 4

♣ K 9

♠ K 5

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ K 6 3

♣ A 10 8

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥

4 ♥ by South

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2 ♥ and he promptly raises to 4 ♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.