

Deal 1

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



♠ 9 5 2
♥ K J 10 8 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ A

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

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 2 ♣, showing at least 11 points. You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

Partner's bid forces you to bid again. You have a bare-minimum hand, but at least you have a 6-card suit which you can rebid. You say 2 ♥ and partner raises to 4 ♥.

Deal 2North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9
♥ K 10
♦ Q 9 8 6 3
♣ K 10 8 6

♠ A K 6 5
♥ J 9 8 6 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A 3



♠ 10 3 2
♥ A Q 3 2
♦ A J 10
♣ 9 7 4

♠ J 8 7 4
♥ 7 5
♦ K 5 4
♣ Q J 5 2

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

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 1 ♠. It is your bid again.

You have good ♠ support but you must tell partner of your minimum hand. So you bid 2 ♠ and he passes.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 6 5	♦ 7 2
♥ A K 8 6 4	♣ A 3
♦ A J 10 9 5	♠ Q 4 2
♣ J 10 9 5	♥ Q J 10 3 2
15 7 8 10	♦ 8 3
	♣ K 4 2
	♠ K 9 7 3
	♥ 5
	♦ K Q 6 4
	♣ Q 8 7 6



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
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 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8
 ♥ K 8 2
 ♦ 6 5 4 2
 ♣ A 9 5 3

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

♠ 10 6 5 2
 ♥ J 6 4 3
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ 7 4 2

♠ A 4
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ K 10 9 7
 ♣ K Q J 8 6

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

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.