

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 8 4 3
♥ J 5 3
♦ J 7 6
♣ A K

♠ A 5 2
♥ 9 7 2
♦ K Q 10 9 3
♣ Q 4



♠ 7
♥ Q 10 8 6 4
♦ A 4
♣ J 10 8 3 2

12
11 7
10

♠ Q J 9 6
♥ A K
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 9 7 6 5

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

With 11 points in support of ♠s you need to let partner know. The way to do it is to bid 2 ♣.

Partner rebids 2 ♦, confirming a full-strength opening bid. What do you bid next?

You've told partner you had at least a limit raise, now you need to tell him that it is pretty minimal. You bid 2 ♠ and everybody passes.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 6
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ K 8 6 5 3

9
 6 13
 12

West

Pass

3 ♠

3 ♠ by East

♠ 2

♥ J 6 3 2

♦ A J 9 5 4

♣ Q J 4



♠ A 4 3

♥ A 10 9 5

♦ 10 3 2

♣ A 9 7

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

You open in third seat and the bidding continues as shown.

If you thought West had 11 points you'd bid 4 ♠. But you know he has a weak hand - with T+ points and support he would have said 2 ♣.

His 3 ♠ bid is just preemptive, so you pass.