

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 2
♥ A J 2
♦ 10 5 3
♣ A J 7 4

12
11 **10**
 7

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♠ A Q 8 7 6
♥ 7 3
♦ K Q J 7
♣ 9 2

♠ 5
♥ K Q 10 9 8 5
♦ 9 8 2
♣ K Q 5

♠ K 10 9 3
♥ 6 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ 10 8 6 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♠ by North			

You would have bid 2 ♠ if East had not overcalled.

Instead, with 4 trumps you can jump to 3 ♠ as a preemptive measure. Partner will not mistake this for a limit raise since you would have cue-bid with 11+ points and support.

The jump to 3 is based on the Law of Total Tricks - bidding to a trick level equal to the number of your side's trumps.

Deal 2

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



11	♠ J 6
10	♥ Q J 9 7 5
12	♦ J 7 4
	♣ A K 5

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

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♥s, 11 points or more.

You, however, have a bare-bones minimum. So you rebid a minimum 3 ♥, which partner passes.

Deal 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ A J 9 4 2
♦ J 9 2
♣ A Q 10

10
12 6
12

♠ A K 10 9 4
♥ 8 5 3
♦ 6 5 3
♣ K 9

♠ 7 3
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 10 8 7
♣ J 7 5 4

♠ Q J 8 6
♥ 7
♦ A K Q 4
♣ 8 6 3 2

W

N

E

S

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

You have 14 points in support of ♠s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♥, showing a good hand with support and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 3 ♠. What do you say?

4 ♠. Partner's jump shows a good overcall, but not enough strength to insist on game when you might have only 11 points. You have plenty extra so you bid the game.

Deal 4

South Deals

♦ J 10 9 8

♥ J 9 4

None Vul

♦ A 8 6 2

♣ A J

♠ 7

♥ A K Q 10 5 3

♦ J 5

♣ 10 9 8 3



♠ A K Q 6 4 2

♥ 8

♦ K Q 4

♣ K Q 5

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

2 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♠

Pass

6 ♠ by South

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s, 11 points or more.

There is only one thing you want to know now - how many Aces partner holds. So you bid 4 NT to find out. Partner responds 5 ♥. What do you say?

You know you have a loser. Bid 6 ♠.