

<b>Deal 1</b>	♠ 6 4		
South Deals	♥ K 9 8		
None Vul	♦ A 9 8 3		
	♣ A 10 6 5		
♠ K Q J 9 8 5	♠ 10 2		
♥ 5 3	♥ 7 4 2		
♦ J 7	♦ 10 6 5 4 2		
♣ K J 2	♣ Q 8 3		
	♠ A 7 3		
11	♥ A Q J 10 6		
11 2	♦ K Q		
16	♣ 9 7 4		
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♥
4 ♥ by South			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

I admit it, I tried to trap you. Just because this is a lesson about Negative Doubles doesn't mean you should abandon your normal good bidding practices. You have a known 8-card ♥ fit so you don't need to bother telling partner about your two 4-card Minors. With 12 points and support you make a cue-bid in the opponent's suit which tells partner you have limit-raise or better.

Partner now bids 4 ♥ which you pass.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

**♠ K J 10 9 5****♥ Q J 4 3****♦ —****♣ J 9 8 3****♠ 6 4****♥ K 9 8 6****♦ 9 8 3****♣ K Q 6 5****♠ Q 8 7 2****♥ 2****♦ A 10 7 5 4 2****♣ A 7****♠ A 3****♥ A 10 7 5****♦ K Q J 6****♣ 10 4 2****West****North****East****South****1 ♦****2 ♥****1 ♠****Dbl****Pass****Pass****2 ♥ by South**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With 8 points and 4 ♥s you have enough to make a negative double. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say now?

Partner also has 4 ♥s. Unfortunately his strength is only in the 13-15 point range. So you pass.

**Deal 3**

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



8  
12 6  
14

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

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Partner is showing you a ♥ suit with at least 6 points. With 4 ♥s in a minimum strength hand your rebid is 2 ♥. Everyone passes.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 9 8 6

♦ 7 3

♣ Q 6 5

♠ 9 3

♥ A K Q 10 5

♦ 8 4

♣ 7 4 3 2

7  
9  
15

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You just scrape 7 points together. With your 4-card Major that's enough for a Negative Double. So you double and partner jumps to 2 ♠. What is your bid?

Partner's jump is inviting but it takes more than just a simple jump to get you excited with this junk. Even though partner has 16-18 points you pass.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 6 2

♥ 8 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ K J 6 2

♠ 5 4

♥ A K J 10 9 3

♦ K 6 2

♣ 7 4

10  
11 4  
15

♠ 10 9 8

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 10 9 4 3

♣ Q 9 3

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Partner has indicated a 4-card ♠ suit. Since you also have 4 you will naturally bid them. However, with the ♠ fit your hand revalues to 17 points. So you jump to 2 ♠. Partner bids the game.