

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 5 3
♦ 5 3 2
♣ K Q 10 9

7
6 10
17

♠ A K 8 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 10 9 8

♣ 7 6 5 4



♠ Q 10 5 3
♥ K 10 8 6 4
♦ A
♣ J 8 2

♠ 7
♥ A Q J 9
♦ K Q J 7 6 4
♣ A 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♦ by South

You have an ideal hand for a Reverse, so you bid 2 ♥.

Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand, but at least he came up with a preference for ♦s.

There are no guarantees here, but you should probably try 5 ♦.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
 ♥ K J 9 5 3
 ♦ 9 8 7 4
 ♣ A 4 2

17
 8 7
 8

♠ J 5
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ K Q 9 8 6



♠ K Q 9 7 4 3
 ♥ 8 7 2
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ 10 3

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

With 18 points you have enough to make a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner now says 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner's jump bid shows a 6-card suit and enough points to insist on game. With your ♥ stopper you might be considering 3NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4♠.

Be very glad that you did. 3NT would go down with a ♥ opening lead while 4♠ is cold.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9
 ♥ A Q 10 5 2
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ 8 6 3

12
 8 4
 16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♦ by South

♠ A 8 6 4 3

♥ 7 6

♦ K J 6 4

♣ A 5

N
 W E
 S

♠ J

♥ K 8 4

♦ A Q 10 9

♣ K Q J 10 7

North

1 ♠

4 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♣

2 ♦

5 ♦

With partner showing 17 or more points, your 13 brings you to game level. You want to support partner's ♦s but you must jump to show that you have more than 8 points. So you bid 4 ♦ and partner raises it to game.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 4 2

♥ A J

♦ J 6 3

♣ K 9 7 6

7
10 9
14

♠ A 10 8 3

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 10 9 5

♣ Q J 3

N
W E
S

♠ 9

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ K Q 8 4 2

♣ A 10 8

♠ K Q 7 6

♥ 10 9 4 3

♦ A 7

♣ 5 4 2

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

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT

1 NT by South

You only have 15 points, not enough to Reverse, so you cannot bid the ♥ suit.

Instead you content yourself with 1 NT. Partner passes.