

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

**♠ J 10 8 4 3****♥ 10 6 5 3****♦ J 8 2****♣ Q****♠ A 5****♥ K J 9 4****♦ A Q 10 5 4****♣ 4 3****♠ K 9****♥ 2****♦ 9 7 3****♣ A K J 9 7 6 5****♠ Q 7 6 2****♥ A Q 8 7****♦ K 6****♣ 10 8 2****14  
4 11  
11**

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

2 ♣

Dbl

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

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

Partner's double promises 4 cards in at least one of the Majors. You certainly hope it is ♥s. You bid 2 ♥ and partner raises to 3 ♥. What do you bid next?

Once partner confirms he has the ♥s you can revalue your hand to 17 points. This gives you enough extra to accept partner's invitation. You bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

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

5  
 7 13  
 15

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

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

You have the special hand, 4-4 in the Majors, so you make a Negative Double. Partner replies 1 ♠. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum opener with 4 ♠s. You have a minimum response with 4 ♠s. Pass and be grateful the opponents aren't bidding.

**Deal 3**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

11  
12 3  
14

W N E S  
♠ 6 5 4  
♥ 10 9 8 3  
♦ K 10 7  
♣ 10 7 3

♠ K 10 9 8  
♥ A K 7 6 4  
♦ 4  
♣ A 9 6

West            North            East            South  
2 ♦               Dbl               Pass               1 ♥  
Pass               Pass               Pass               4 ♠  
4 ♠ by South

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

Sometimes using Negative Doubles seems like you can read minds. You know for sure that partner has 4 ♠s since that is the only unbid Major. You know for sure that partner has T+ points because he made a Negative Double of a 2-level overcall. So you conclude that your side has 8 ♠s and 27+ points . . . . and you bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 6  
 ♥ Q 9 7 5  
 ♦ K Q 10  
 ♣ A Q J 5

8  
 14 8  
 10

	♦	Q J 3
	♥	3 2
	♦	A J 7 6 4
♣	7 4 3	
	N	♠ K 10 9 4
W	E	♥ A J 8
S		♦ 9 3 2
		♣ 10 9 6

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

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

1 NT by West

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

The general guideline for a Negative Double when both Majors are unbid is that you must have 4+ cards in at least ONE of the Majors. But for this specific sequence, 1♣ - 1♦, you do not double unless you have BOTH Majors. When you have only one of them you just bid it. Like this hand. You bid 1♠. Partner rebids 1 NT. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand and fewer than 4 ♠s. A good time for you to pass.