

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4  
♥ Q J 7 5 2  
♦ J 10 9  
♣ J 5

23  
5 5  
7

♠ A K 8 2  
♥ A K 3  
♦ A 4  
♣ K Q 9 4



♠ Q 6 5  
♥ 8 6 4  
♦ K Q 8 6  
♣ 10 8 7

♠ J 10 3  
♥ 10 9  
♦ 7 5 3 2  
♣ A 6 3 2

| West          | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------|------|-------|
|               | 2 ♣   | Pass | 2 ♦   |
| Pass          | 2 NT  | Pass | 3 NT  |
| Pass          | Pass  | Pass |       |
| 3 NT by North |       |      |       |

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 23 points you naturally open 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♦. What do you bid next?

You have 23 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 2 NT. Partner raises to 3 NT and you pass.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 6 3  
♥ 10 9 2  
♦ Q J 7 5  
♣ K 5 3 2

2  
6 9  
23

West

Pass

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ 10 8 7 2

♥ Q 5 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 9 7 4



♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A K 9 2

♣ A 10 8

North

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 NT

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 2 points you make a Negative 2 ♦ response to partner's 2 ♣ opener. He now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

This isn't as clear-cut a decision as you might think at first. Partner is showing 22-24 points, and even though you only have 2 points it is possible that the partnership total could be 26. The thing that should convince you to pass is that a 24-2 point split doesn't play nearly as well as say a 13-13 split would. Lack of transportation would likely kill any chance of 3 NT (or 4 ♠). So you pass.

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4  
♥ Q J 7 5 2  
♦ J 10 7  
♣ J 5

26  
5 5  
4

*West*

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A K 8 2

♥ A K 3

♦ A K

♣ K Q 9 4



♠ Q 6 5

♥ 8 6 4

♦ Q 9 8 6

♣ 10 8 7

*North*

2 ♣

3 NT

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 ♦

Pass

♠ J 10 3

♥ 10 9

♦ 5 4 3 2

♣ A 6 3 2

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 26 points you naturally open 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♦. What do you bid next?

You have 26 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 3 NT. Everybody passes.

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 6 3  
♥ 10 9 2  
♦ Q J 7 5  
♣ K 5 3 2

4  
6 7  
23

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ J 10 8 2

♥ Q 5 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ J 9 4



♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A K 9 2

♣ A 10 8

♠ A 9 7 4

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ 10 3

♣ Q 7 6

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 4 points you make a Negative 2 ♦ response to partner's 2 ♣ opener. He now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

True, 4 points isn't much. But added to partner's 22-24 it becomes enough for a game. Your problem isn't whether to bid to the game or not, (you definitely will), but whether you should use Stayman to find out if there is a 4-4 ♠ fit. You decide not to do this because your 4-3-3-3 distribution removes the possibility of you getting any ruffs. So you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ A Q J 9 6 4 2  
♥ —  
♦ 10 6  
♣ K 8 5 2

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



♠ 10 5  
♥ 10 7 5  
♦ K Q 9 3  
♣ A 9 7 6

17  
10 9  
4

♠ K 8 7 3  
♥ 9 2  
♦ J 8 7 4 2  
♣ 10 3

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
|      | 2 ♣   | Pass | 2 ♦   |
| Pass | 2 ♥   | Pass | 2 NT  |
| Pass | 4 ♥   | Pass | Pass  |
| Pass |       |      |       |

4 ♥ by North

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You only have 20 points, but you have 9 playing tricks. You have two choices, open 4 ♥ or open 2 ♣. Usually 4 ♥ would show a slightly weaker hand than this, so you bid 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♦. What do you bid next?

Of course you bid your 8-card suit. But no jumping, just bid 2 ♥. Partner now says 2 NT. What do you bid next?

Partner has between 3 and 7 points. Somewhere in those points might be the one trick you need, but you don't have any scientific way of finding out. So just bid 4 ♥ and hope. (There it is, the ♣T.)

**Deal 6**

South Deals

None Vul

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

6  
 8 5  
 21

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 8 7 5

♥ K 3

♦ Q J 10 9 4

♣ 7 5 2



♠ A K 4

♥ A Q 10 8 6

♦ K 2

♣ K Q 10

North

2 ♦

3 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 ♥

3 NT

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 7 points you must bid a Negative 2 ♦. Partner now bids 2 ♥. What is your bid?

For someone who made an initial Negative response you have quite a good hand. You can't support partner's ♥s (yet) but you consider jumping to 3 NT. All in all it is better to just describe your hand with a 3 ♦ bid, then wait and see what partner says. You don't have to wait long since he bids 3 NT which you pass.