

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

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

14	♦ A K 10 8
7 10	♥ 9 8 5 3
9	♦ Q 10 9 6
	♣ 8

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



You could bid 1 ♠. Many would do so, thinking "I have to show partner my ♠ suit."

In fact, you don't have to show partner your ♠ suit. You already know of a partnership 9-card fit in ♥s, so there is no reason to search for a possible 8-card fit in ♠s.

With 11 points and 4 trumps you bid 3 ♥, a limit raise. Partner raises to game.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 4 3

♥ 10 5

♦ 7

♣ K J 10 5 4 2

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

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

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

With 4-card support you respond 2 ♠. Partner raises to 3 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner's bid is an invitation. You have told him you have 6-10 points and he probably has about 17-18. If you are at the high end of your 6-T he wants you to bid game, at the low end he wants you to pass. You actually have T, definitely high end, so you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 9 7 5
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ Q 10 4 3

9
 15 7
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♠ J 3 2
 ♥ A 10 9 5
 ♦ 10 5 4
 ♣ K J 7

♠ K Q 8 6
 ♥ J 7 6
 ♦ J 7 6
 ♣ 9 6 5

♠ 4
 ♥ 8 4 3 2
 ♦ K Q 9 8 2
 ♣ A 8 2

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

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2 ♠. Partner now bids 3 ♣. What do you bid next?

Again partner is inviting you to bid game. He wants you to bid it if you are at the top of your 6-T range, and he wants you to particularly promote any Help you can give him in ♣s.

You are at the bottom of your range and you have no help in ♣s, so you just return to ♠s. Partner passes.

Deal 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ J
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ A 9 6 5
♣ K Q 7 2

16
10 7
7

W N
S E

♠ 9 3
♥ Q 10 6
♦ K Q 10 3
♣ 9 6 5 4

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

4 ♥ by North

♠ A K 4 2
♥ A K J 5 3
♦ J 7 2
♣ 10

♠ Q 10 8 7 6 5
♥ 8
♦ 8 4
♣ A J 8 3

Your only reasonable response is 2 ♥. Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

With 8 points you are right in the middle of the 6-10 points you promised. So you could either accept partner's invitation or decline it. BUT, he said you should particularly look at any Help you could provide in ♦s. Since you have lots of good stuff in that suit you upgrade your 8 points and bid 4 ♥.