

Deal 1West Deals
None Vul

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

9
 9 5
 17

♠ J 10 9 7 3

♥ A 8 2
 ♦ 6 2

♣ A 7 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 2
 ♥ J 9 7 4 3
 ♦ 9 8 3
 ♣ 8 4 3

♠ K Q 6
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A Q 7 4
 ♣ K 10 9 6

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

4 ♠ by North

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

Yes this is exactly the same hand you held in Deal 8. You still open 1 NT. This time partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner shows T+ points and exactly 5 ♠s. This time, with 3-card support, you choose game in ♠s, knowing there is an 8-card fit.

Deal 2
North Deals
None Vul

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

6
13 15
6

♠ K Q 6
♥ K Q 4
♦ Q 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

N
W E
S

West North East South
Pass Pass 1 NT Pass
3 ♦ Pass 3 NT Pass
Pass Pass
3 NT by East

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

You open 1 NT and partner says 3 ♦. It's your bid.

Partner has a great hand. A jump to 3 in a Minor suit almost always shows slam interest. But that's partner with interest, not you. You couldn't have a more minimum 1 NT opening bid.

So you just return to 3 NT. Partner gives up and passes.

Deal 3

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

17	♠ 3
5 4	♥ A 8 5
14	♦ K J 3
	♣ A Q 8 7 5 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♣
ALL	Pass		

6 ♣ by South

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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 3 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner's jump to 3 ♣ shows at least 5 ♣s and slam interest. Your hand is good enough to encourage that interest so you bypass 3 NT and say 4 ♣. Partner now bids 4 NT. What do you answer?

That is Blackwood. You admit to one Ace and partner bids 6 ♣.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ Q 8

♥ Q 9 8 7 3 2

♦ 6

♣ 10 9 6 3

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

12

4 16

8

♦ 10 9 8 3

♣ A K 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

1 NT

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by West

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

A 1 NT overcall is almost the same as a 1 NT opening. The range is increased to 15-18, but the main difference is that you must have the opponent's suit adequately stopped. Here you certainly have the stopper so you bid 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next?

And the responses are the same also. Partner's 2 ♥ bid is a signoff bid, often called a "drop dead" bid. So even though you really like the ♥s you pass.