

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6 4

♥ 10

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ 8 6 3

16
3 5
16



♠ 2
♥ J 6 5 4 3 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ K 4 2

♠ A K 3
♥ A K 7
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q 10 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by North			

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

You open 1 NT and partner jumps to 4 NT.

This is the threequel to 4 and 5. With a "good 16" points you accept the invitation and bid 6 NT.

As you might expect, this time the slam is not so certain, but there is a good chance. If either Minor suit finesse works you can make 12 tricks.

Deal 2South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 6
♥ Q 5
♦ A J 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

11
15 4
10

<p>♠ 5 4 ♥ A K 8 4 2 ♦ 10 8 2 ♣ A 8 3</p>		<p>♠ 7 3 ♥ J 10 9 7 6 3 ♦ K 3 ♣ 5 4 2</p>
<p>♠ A J 10 9 8 2 ♥ — ♦ Q 9 6 5 ♣ Q J 7</p>		

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
2 ♥ by East			

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

Surprise - you open 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next? (no transfers in this lesson)

Pass. Partner has long ♥s (probably 6) and short points (fewer than 9). He has decided that 2 ♥ will be a better spot than 1 NT. Trust him.

Deal 3

West Deals

None Vul

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



♠ 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	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

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

You open 1 NT and partner replies 3 ♥. What do you say next?

With this bidding method, partner's bid shows at least 10 points and exactly 5 ♥s. He expects you to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♥. Since you have just a doubleton in ♥s you choose 3 NT.

NOTE: Jacoby Transfers are very useful for this type of hand.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

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

5	♠ 8 5 4
9 17	♥ Q 10 6
9	♦ K J 10 5
	♣ Q J 2

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



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 5West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4 2
 ♥ J 10 7 6
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ A 5 4 3

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6 6
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♠ K Q 6
 ♥ K Q 4
 ♦ Q 7 4
 ♣ K 10 9 6

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♠ 8 7 5 3
 ♥ A 9 5 2
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ Q 7 2

♠ A 10 9
 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ A K J 10 8 2
 ♣ J 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

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.