

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5

♠ 3
♥ Q 9 5 3
♦ 10 8 7 4
♣ A Q 3 2

8
17
8
7

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♠ A 9 8 2
♥ 10 4
♦ J 9 2
♣ K 9 7 6

♠ 10 7 5
♥ 8 2
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ J 10 8 4

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

Pass

4 ♠ by North

You are the dealer.

It may be tempting to open 1 ♥, planning on Reversing in ♠ at your second turn to show your big hand.

Don't. A Reverse should always show an unbalanced hand with the first suit longer. So you open 1 ♠ and partner replies 2 ♠.

What do you bid?

If you had opened 1 ♥ partner would have replied 1 NT. Then when you Reversed with 2 ♠ he would have assumed you had a 4-card ♠ suit and would probably have put you back in ♥s, your known 5-card suit.

Things would have gotten confusing, to say the least.

Deal 2

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

9	7	♠ A K
9	6	♥ 5 2
18		♦ A 6 4 2

♣ A K 10 7 4

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

You would really love to pass. You have a terrible hand and you like the ♦s better than the ♣s.

But you are forced to bid. And since partner has 5 ♣s and only 4 ♦s, you should take him back to his first suit.

Mercifully he passes.

Deal 3

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



♠ J 7
♥ A K 6 3
♦ K Q 10 8 5
♣ K 10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

When partner shows 17+ points with his Reverse you are sure you belong in game. Since he did not support your ♠s you know he doesn't have four of them. You also know you have an 8-card fit in ♦s, but surely nine tricks in Notrump will be easier than eleven in ♦s.

Deal 4
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

6	♠ 6 3
10	♥ K 5
16	♦ K Q J 6

♠ K 10 4	♦ Q 10 7 2
♦ 10 9 8	♣ Q J 6

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

With 17 points you have a perfect hand for a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner then says 3♣. What do you say?

Partner's return to your ♣ suit shows he has fewer than 9 points. Although it is possible to devise a hand for him where your side could make 3 NT, the risk is too great.

So you pass. It's a good thing, too.

Deal 5

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9
♥ A 10 5 2
♦ J 9 7 5
♣ J 10 4

5
9 10
16

♠ 10 8 5
♥ K Q 9 8 7 4
♦ 8 3
♣ 7 6

♠ A Q 6 4 2
♥ 6 3
♦ Q 10 2
♣ Q 5 2

♠ J 7 3
♥ J
♦ A K 6 4
♣ A K 9 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♥ by North			1 ♣

You have 7 points, and basically nothing but s♥. You must make a minimum bid, and the only reasonable one is 2 ♥. Despite his 17 points, partner passes.