

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K
♥ 5 2
♦ A 6 4 2
♣ A K 10 7 4

♠ Q 9 6 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ Q 8 5

♣ 6 2

18
6 9
7



♠ J 8 2
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ J 10 9
♣ Q J 3

♠ 10 7 4
♥ K J 9 8
♦ K 7 3
♣ 9 8 5

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

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 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7
♥ A K 6 3
♦ K Q 10 8 5
♣ K 10

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ 7 5 4 2

♦ A 6

♣ 4 3 2

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

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| ♠ 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 |

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| 6 | ♠ 6 3 |
| 10 | ♦ K 5 |
| 16 | ♦ K Q J 6 |

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| ♠ K 10 4 | ♦ Q 10 7 2 |
| ♦ 10 9 8 | ♣ Q J 6 |

♣ A K 10 7 2

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| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
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1 ♣

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| 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 4

East Deals

None Vul

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



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| ♠ J 7 3 |
| ♥ J |
| ♦ A K 6 4 |
| ♣ A K 9 8 3 |

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

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

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.

Deal 5North Deals
None Vul

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

10 **17**
6 **7**

♠ 7
 ♥ A Q J 9
 ♦ K Q J 7 6 4
 ♣ A 3

♠ J 9 4 2
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ 5 3 2
 ♣ K Q 10 9

♠ A K 8 6
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ 10 9 8
 ♣ 7 6 5 4

| West | North | East | South |
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| | 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 5♦ | Pass | Pass |

Pass

5♦ by North

You have an ideal hand for a Reverse, so you bid 2♥.

Partner now bids 3♦. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand, but at least he came up with a preference for ♦s.

There are no guarantees here, but you should probably try 5♦.

Deal 6West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 5
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ K Q 9 8 6

17 7
 8 8

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| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 6
 ♥ K J 9 5 3
 ♦ 9 8 7 4
 ♣ A 4 2

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1♣ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 4♣ by East | | | |

♠ A 10 8 2

♥ Q 6 4

♦ 10 6 2

♣ J 7 5

♠ K Q 9 7 4 3

♥ 8 7 2

♦ K 5

♣ 10 3

With 18 points you have enough to make a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner now says 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner's jump bid shows a 6-card suit and enough points to insist on game. With your ♥ stopper you might be considering 3 NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4♠.

Be very glad that you did. 3 NT would go down with a ♥ opening lead while 4♠ is cold.