

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 4 2
♥ Q 10 9 5 4 3 2
♦ J 10 2
♣ 10

26
3 2
9

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

7 NT by North

♠ K Q 6 3
♥ A K
♦ K Q 9
♣ A K Q 5

♠ 9 8
♥ J 7 6
♦ 8 7 6 5 4
♣ J 8 3

♠ A J 10 7 5
♥ 8
♦ A 3
♣ 9 7 6 4 2

North

2 ♣
4 NT
7 NT

East

Pass
Pass
Pass

South

2 ♠
5 ♥
Pass

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 26 points you open 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♠. What do you bid next?

Partner has 8+ points and a good 5-card ♠ suit. You are absolutely sure you will go to slam, and right now the only thing you want to know is how many Aces are in partner's hand. So you use Blackwood 4 NT. Partner answers 5 ♥. What is your bid?

Obviously you could bid 7 ♠. But in fact you can count that there will be thirteen top tricks without a ruff; 5 ♠s, 2 ♥s, 3 ♦s and 3 ♣s. So you might as well bid 7 NT. (By the way, the people who bid 7 ♠ got the opening ♣ lead ruffed!)

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 3

♥ K Q J 10 2

♦ 10 9 6

♣ 9 8 4

4

6 24

6

West

2 ♦

3 ♥

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ 10 9 8 4

♥ 7 5 3

♦ K J 4 2

♣ 7 6



♠ J 2

♥ 9 8 4

♦ 8 5 3

♣ A J 10 5 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♣

2 ♠

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With one more point you could have made a positive response. Instead, you bid 2 ♦. Partner now bids 2 ♠. What is your bid?

Not being in love with partner's ♠s, you have enough strength to now bid 3 ♥. Partner replies 3 NT. What do you say?

When you have nothing more to say, you pass.