

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

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

14  
 4 5  
 17

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

6 ♣

ALL

Pass

6 ♣ by North

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

N  
 W E  
 S

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

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

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 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 9 6  
♥ K J 6 4  
♦ A Q 4  
♣ Q J 5

8  
16 4  
12

West

1 NT

Pass

2 ♥ by East

♠ J 10 7 4 2

♥ 5

♦ 10 9 8 3

♣ A K 2



♠ A 5 3

♥ A 10

♦ K J 7 5 2

♣ 8 7 4

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

♠ Q 8

♥ Q 9 8 7 3 2

♦ 6

♣ 10 9 6 3

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.

South

1 ♦

Pass

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 5

♥ A 4

♦ K J 10 8 6 2

♣ 6 5 4

20

8 7

5

*West*

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ A J 8

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ A Q 9

♠ K Q 10 7 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 10 8 7 2

*North*

2 NT

4 ♠

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

3 ♠

Pass



♠ 9 4 3

♥ Q J 10 7 6

♦ 9 3

♣ K J 3

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

With a balanced 20 point hand you open 2 NT. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid next?

Partner is showing a 5-card ♠ suit and at least 5 points. This is a forcing bid; you are to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♠, depending on your ♠ holding. With three of them you bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

7  
15 8  
10

*West*

1 NT

1 NT by West

♠ J 10 7 4 2

♥ 10 8 4

♦ Q 8

♣ K J 7



♠ Q 5

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ A 9 5 3

♣ A 10 2

*North*

Pass

*East*

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

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

You have 8 points. Even if partner has the maximum 17 it would only add to 25, which is probably not enough to make game. You should pass.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

17  
 8 6  
 9

♠ A Q 2

♥ A 9 7

♦ Q 8 3

♣ K Q 10 4



♠ K 9 3

♥ K Q 2

♦ 10 9 7 4

♣ J 5 3

♠ J 10 8

♥ J 5 4

♦ K J 5 2

♣ 9 8 2

*West**North**East**South*

1 NT

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

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

With 9 points you have just enough strength for an invitation. So you bid 2 NT. Partner then says 3 NT and everybody passes.