

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 6 3
♥ J 4
♦ K 6 4
♣ Q J 3 2

6
11 9
14

♠ 9 5 2
♥ 2
♦ A Q 10 9 8 7 5
♣ 8 7

♠ Q 10 4
♥ A 10 9 6 5
♦ 3 2
♣ K 10 6

♠ A 8 7
♥ K Q 8 7 3
♦ J

♣ A 9 5 4

West *North* *East* *South*
3 ♦ Pass Pass

Pass
3 ♦ by North

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

You estimate you can win 6 ♦ tricks so you open 3 ♦. Everybody passes.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 2
 ♥ K J 8 5
 ♦ K J 9
 ♣ K Q 8 3

12
13 6
 9

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	3 ♠	Pass

3 ♠ by East

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

N	E
W	S

♠ 5 3
 ♥ Q 4 2
 ♦ A Q 8 7 4
 ♣ J 9 5

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You have 13 points and if partner had opened with a 1 ♠ bid you'd be feeling "jumpy". But what a preemptive bidder needs from dummy are immediate winners, not points. So you pass.

Here's a pretty good tip: When partner opens with a 3-bid and you are trying to decide whether to take him to game, visualize him holding this very hand: K Q J T x x x of trumps and nothing in any other suit. Then base your decision on that.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 5 2
♥ K 9
♦ 10 6 3
♣ J 9 8 3

12	9	12
7		

♠ A
♥ Q J 10 8 7 6 3
♦ 9 7 5
♣ 6 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by South			

W	N	E	S
♠	10 6 4	♥ 5	♦ A K Q J 4
			♣ Q 10 5 4

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

You expect your hand to produce 5 ♥ tricks and the ♠A. So you open 3 ♥. Partner responds 4 ♥. What do you bid?

When you preempted 3 ♥ you described your hand perfectly. You have nothing more to say except pass.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3
 ♥ K Q 10 8 7 4 2
 ♦ 8 6 2
 ♣ 5

13
5 12
10

♠ Q J 9 5

♥ —
 ♦ A K Q J 10 5
 ♣ 6 3 2

♠ A K 7 6
 ♥ J 5 3
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ A 8 7 4

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♥ by West			

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

No matter how much we try to reduce bridge to rules and guidelines we will never get rid of the judgement factor. With this hand you definitely have 3 fast tricks for partner. In theory he can take 6 of his own, so 3 ♥ should be the right contract. BUT, maybe he could ruff a ♦ in your dummy?

Fortune favors the bold so you bid 4 ♥ ... and live happily ever after.