

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 10 6 5 4 2
♣ Q 8 3

16
2 11
11

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ A 7 3
♥ A Q J 10 6
♦ K Q
♣ 9 7 4



♠ 6 4
♥ K 9 8
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ A 10 6 5

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

2 ♠

Pass

♠ K Q J 9 8 5
♥ 5 3
♦ J 7
♣ K J 2

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

I admit it, I tried to trap you. Just because this is a lesson about Negative Doubles doesn't mean you should abandon your normal good bidding practices. You have a known 8-card ♥ fit so you don't need to bother telling partner about your two 4-card Minors. With 12 points and support you make a cue-bid in the opponent's suit which tells partner you have limit-raise or better.

Partner now bids 4 ♥ which you pass.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 4
 ♥ K 9 8 6
 ♦ 9 8 3
 ♣ K Q 6 5

10
 8 14
 8

West

Dbl

Pass

2 ♥ by East

♠ Q 8 7 2

♥ 2

♦ A 10 7 5 4 2

♣ A 7



♠ K J 10 9 5

♥ Q J 4 3

♦ —

♣ J 9 8 3

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♦

2 ♥

South

1 ♠

Pass

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

With 8 points and 4 ♥s you have enough to make a negative double. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say now?

Partner also has 4 ♥s. Unfortunately his strength is only in the 13-15 point range. So you pass.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

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

	♠ 6 4
8	♥ K J 9 8
12 6	♦ A 9 3
14	♣ A Q 10 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
1 ♠	Dbl	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♥ by South			

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

Partner is showing you a ♥ suit with at least 6 points. With 4 ♥s in a minimum strength hand your rebid is 2 ♥. Everyone passes.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 10 7 5
♥ 7 3
♦ A J 10 6
♣ A K J

9
15 7
9

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	1 ♥	Dbl	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♠ by West			

♠ 9 3
♥ A K Q 10 5
♦ 8 4
♣ 7 4 3 2



♠ A 8 2
♥ 4 2
♦ K Q 9 5 2
♣ 10 9 8

♠ K J 6 4
♥ J 9 8 6
♦ 7 3
♣ Q 6 5

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

You just scrape 7 points together. With your 4-card Major that's enough for a Negative Double. So you double and partner jumps to 2 ♠. What is your bid?

Partner's jump is inviting but it takes more than just a simple jump to get you excited with this junk. Even though partner has 16-18 points you pass.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8
♥ Q 5 4
♦ 10 9 4 3
♣ Q 9 3

15
4 11
10

♠ K J 7 3

♥ 6

♦ A Q J 7

♣ A 10 8 5



♠ A Q 6 2

♥ 8 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ K J 6 2

♠ 5 4

♥ A K J 10 9 3

♦ K 6 2

♣ 7 4

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

1 ♦

1 ♥

Dbl

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

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

Partner has indicated a 4-card ♠ suit. Since you also have 4 you will naturally bid them. However, with the ♠ fit your hand revalues to 17 points. So you jump to 2 ♠. Partner bids the game.