

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
8 6  
13

♠ A K 10 3  
♥ A Q 7 5  
♦ 10 9 5  
♣ 7 2



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

If you thought you couldn't bid 1 ♠ because it would have been a Reverse just think again.

A Reverse is when you bid a higher-ranking second suit at the 2-level. This is just normal bidding of suits up the line.

Partner now takes control and bids the ♠ game.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 4

♥ 8 2

♦ 10 8 7 3 2

♣ A 6 4

13  
5 8  
14

♠ K Q 8 3

♥ Q J

♦ K J 6

♣ J 10 9 7



♠ 10 7 2

♥ A K 9 4

♦ Q 5 4

♣ K Q 5

♠ A 9 5

♥ 10 7 6 5 3

♦ A 9

♣ 8 3 2

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

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

3 NT

ALL

1 NT

3 NT by South

Pass

Don't bid 2 ♥. That would be a Reverse, showing at least 17 points. A 2 ♥ bid would also show longer ♣s than ♥s. Don't bid 2 ♠. That would be showing 4-card support.

So with your minimum hand you bid 1 NT which partner raises to 3 NT.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 6 3

♣ J 10 8

16

7 11

6

West

Pass

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ J 3

♥ Q 8

♦ K Q J 5

♣ A K 7 6 2



♠ K 10 9 4

♥ K 10 9 6

♦ 10 8 2

♣ 9 5

North

1 ♣

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

2 NT

At your first turn you bid your ♥ suit, up-the-line. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You only have 7 points, but partner Reversed so you cannot pass. You need to make a bid to show your minimum, and you cannot support either of partner's suits, nor can you rebid your ♥s.

However, you also cannot bid your ♠ suit. That would be fourth-suit-forcing, and would show a game forcing hand of 9 or more points.

Instead you bid 2 NT. Partner has a bare 17 so he passes.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 8 6 5

♥ K 8 2

♦ 10 5

♣ K 10

♠ A 10 7 3

♥ J 6 4

♦ K 6 2

♣ 7 5 4



♠ 4 2

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ 9 8 7 4

♣ A 3 2

♠ J

♥ A Q 10

♦ A Q J 3

♣ Q J 9 8 6

11  
8 4  
17

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

1 ♣

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

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. You don't have ♠ support but you do have good ♥ stoppers so you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 5**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
8 7  
16

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



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

♠ K 10 4 3 2  
♥ 7 2  
♦ K J 2  
♣ 9 5 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

With his Reverse, partner has shown at least 17 points and at least 4 ♥s.

You could fall back on the guidelines and say that with 10 points you need to make a positive bid at this time, but it is simpler to just rely on "SHE WHO KNOWS, GOES."

Since you know of an 8-card ♥ fit and at least 27 points you bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 6**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 8 2

♥ 10 4

♦ J 9 2

♣ K 9 7 6

7  
8 8  
17

♠ 10 7 5

♥ 8 2

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ J 10 8 4



♠ K Q J 6 4

♥ A K J 7 6

♦ K 6

♣ 5

♠ 3

♥ Q 9 5 3

♦ 10 8 7 4

♣ A Q 3 2

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

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

You are the dealer.

It may be tempting to open 1 ♥, planning on Reversing in ♠ at your second turn to show your big hand.

Don't. A Reverse should always show an unbalanced hand with the first suit longer. So you open 1 ♠ and partner replies 2 ♠.

What do you bid?

If you had opened 1 ♥ partner would have replied 1 NT. Then when you Reversed with 2 ♠ he would have assumed you had a 4-card ♠ suit and would probably have put you back in ♥s, your known 5-card suit.

Things would have gotten confusing, to say the least.

**Deal 7**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

7  
9 6  
18

♠ 10 7 4  
♥ K J 9 8  
♦ K 7 3  
♣ 9 8 5



♠ 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

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

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 8**

North Deals

None Vul

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

16  
5 8  
11

West

North

East

South

1 ♦  
Pass  
Pass  
3 NT by South

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



♠ K Q 10 5  
♥ Q 8  
♦ J 9 4  
♣ Q J 9 7

♠ A 9 6 4  
♥ 7 5 4 2  
♦ A 6  
♣ 4 3 2

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

1 ♠  
3 NT

When partner shows 17+ points with his Reverse you are sure you belong in game. Since he did not support your ♠s you know he doesn't have four of them. You also know you have an 8-card fit in ♦s, but surely nine tricks in Notrump will be easier than eleven in ♦s.

**Deal 9**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 8 7  
 ♥ J 9 4  
 ♦ A 4 2  
 ♣ 9 5

6  
 10 8  
 16

♠ Q 5 2  
 ♥ A 8 6 3  
 ♦ 7 5 3  
 ♣ 8 4 3



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
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 10**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 6 4 2

♥ 6 3

♦ Q 10 2

♣ Q 5 2

16  
10 9  
5

*West*

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ J 7 3

♥ J

♦ A K 6 4

♣ A K 9 8 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10 8 5

♥ K Q 9 8 7 4

♦ 8 3

♣ 7 6

*North*

1 ♣

2 ♦

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 ♥

2 ♥

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 11**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 4 2  
 ♥ 5 3  
 ♦ 5 3 2  
 ♣ K Q 10 9

7  
 6 10  
 17

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



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♦ by South

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 12**

North Deals

None Vul

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

17  
 8 7  
 8

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



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

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

<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 South			

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 3NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4♠.

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

**Deal 13**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9

♥ A Q 10 5 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 8 6 3

12  
8 4  
16

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♦ by South

♠ A 8 6 4 3

♥ 7 6

♦ K J 6 4

♣ A 5



♠ J

♥ K 8 4

♦ A Q 10 9

♣ K Q J 10 7

*North*

1 ♠

4 ♦

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 ♣

2 ♦

5 ♦

With partner showing 17 or more points, your 13 brings you to game level. You want to support partner's ♦s but you must jump to show that you have more than 8 points. So you bid 4 ♦ and partner raises it to game.

**Deal 14**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 4 2

♥ A J

♦ J 6 3

♣ K 9 7 6

7  
10 9  
14

♠ A 10 8 3

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 10 9 5

♣ Q J 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ 9

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ K Q 8 4 2

♣ A 10 8

♠ K Q 7 6

♥ 10 9 4 3

♦ A 7

♣ 5 4 2

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

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT

1 NT by South

You only have 15 points, not enough to Reverse, so you cannot bid the ♥ suit.

Instead you content yourself with 1 NT. Partner passes.