

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ 6 5 3
♦ A Q 5 4 3
♣ 9 6 4 3

13
6 8
13

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

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

♠ Q J 10 7
♥ K Q 9 8
♦ 7 6 2
♣ K Q

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

When you have two 4-card suits to show you bid them "up-the-line". In this case it means you say 1 ♥. Partner replies 1 ♠. What do you bid?

There are enough points for game and a known 8-card Major fit. So you bid 4 ♠.

Perfect bidding isn't always rewarded. They can win three ♦ tricks and the Ace of trumps. If the opening lead is a ♥ or a ♣ you might make it, so it just depends on luck.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 4
♥ J 9 7
♦ A K 7 2
♣ K 5 3

4
14 14
8

♠ Q 8 3 2
♥ Q 8 5 3 2
♦ 10 4
♣ 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ A J 5
♥ K 10 6
♦ Q 9 8 6
♣ A 9 6

♠ 9 7 6
♥ A 4
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q J 10 8 7

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

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You have two very good choices, neither of which is really wrong. You could bid 2 NT, showing 13-16 points, balanced, or you could bid 3♦, showing 13-16 points, good trump support.

What should decide you is the bidding priorities. You'd much rather try to play a 9-trick game than an 11-trick game. And at the same time you must trust your partner not to leave you hung out in Notrump with an unsuitable hand. (Can you believe I wrote Notrump and unsuitable in the same sentence?)

to 3 NT.

Anyway, you bid 2 NT and partner raises

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 6 5
♥ 9 3
♦ 10 8 4 3
♣ A 10 9 7

14
5 7
14

♠ A K 9 2

♥ J 5

♦ K 7 2

♣ K 8 3 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

With 14 points and a 4-3-3-3 distribution this could be the perfect hand for a jump to 2 NT. But not when the 4-card suit is a Major - you should not skip bidding a Major when you have the opportunity.

So you respond 1 ♥. Partner says 1 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner doesn't have 4 ♥s so you go back to thinking this is an ideal notrump hand. So ideal that you apply the "She who knows, goes" principle and bid 3 NT. Partner smiles and passes.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 9 3
 ♥ A 10 8 4
 ♦ Q 10 3
 ♣ A 9

6
 13 12
 9

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 8 6 5 4
 ♥ Q 6 3
 ♦ 8
 ♣ K 7 3 2

♠ A 7
 ♥ K 9
 ♦ K J 9 7 4
 ♣ J 10 8 5

♠ Q 2
 ♥ J 7 5 2
 ♦ A 6 5 2
 ♣ Q 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

3 NT by West

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You have great ♦ support and perhaps 15 points. The "perhaps" is because partner may have only 3 ♦s, and if you are the long-trump hand any ruffs you take will probably not increase the number of trump tricks your side makes. But still, you have a great hand.

So you bid 3♦. Partner now says 3 NT. What do you bid?

You described your hand very well with your first bid. Partner heard the description and chose 3 NT. Since you trust your partner you pass.