

Deal 1West Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 2
 ♥ A J 9 4 2
 ♦ J 9 2
 ♣ A Q 10

10
12 6
12

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ A K 10 9 4
 ♥ 8 5 3
 ♦ 6 5 3
 ♣ K 9

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

♠ Q J 8 6
 ♥ 7
 ♦ A K Q 4
 ♣ 8 6 3 2

| West | North | East | South |
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| 1 ♥ | 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 ♥ |
| Pass | 3 ♠ | Pass | 4 ♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| 4 ♠ by North | | | |

You have 14 points in support of ♣s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♥, showing a good hand with support and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 3 ♠. What do you say?

4 ♠. Partner's jump shows a good overcall, but not enough strength to insist on game when you might have only 11 points. You have plenty extra so you bid the game.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 8
 ♥ J 9 4
 ♦ A 8 6 2
 ♣ A J

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 11 19
 10

♠ 5 3
 ♥ 7 6 2
 ♦ 10 9 7 3
 ♣ 7 6 4 2

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♠ A K Q 6 4 2
 ♥ 8
 ♦ K Q 4
 ♣ K Q 5

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

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | 1 ♠ | 2 ♥ |
| 3 ♥ | Pass | 4 NT | Pass |
| 5 ♥ | Pass | 6 ♠ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |
| 6 ♠ by East | | | |

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s, 11 points or more.

There is only one thing you want to know now - how many Aces partner holds. So you bid 4 NT to find out. Partner responds 5 ♥. What do you say?

You know you have a loser. Bid 6 ♠.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 5 3 2
♥ 6 5
♦ J 10
♣ K 9 5 4

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8 ¹²
9

♠ 8 6
♥ A 9 8 4
♦ 9 6 5 4
♣ A Q J



♠ K 10
♥ 7 3
♦ A K Q 2
♣ 8 7 6 3 2

♠ Q J 7 4
♥ K Q J 10 2
♦ 8 7 3
♣ 10

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

You have 12 points in support of ♥s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♣. Since the opponents have bid two suits you can cue-bid either one of them, so you usually pick the one you have the most strength in. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner had a minimum overcall so he made a minimum rebid.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

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

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| ♥ 4 | | ♥ Q J 9 7 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♦ K 3 2 | | ♦ Q J 7 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 ♥ | 2 ♣ | 3 ♣ | Pass |
| 4 ♥ | Pass | 5 ♣ | Pass |
| 6 ♥ | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 6 ♥ by West | | | |

You have about 15 points in support of ♥s so you cue-bid 3 ♣, showing a limit raise or better and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 4 ♥. What do you say?

5 ♣. Partner's jump shows a good hand and you have more than you have promised so far. This cue-bid is a different type, showing first round control in ♣s, Ace or void. That was apparently what partner wanted to hear since he went right to slam.