

Deal 1

South Deals ♠ 9 7 5

None Vul ♥ Q 7 3 2

♦ 5 4 3

♣ A K 4

♠ K Q J 10 6

♥ 6 4

♦ J 10 6

♣ Q 3 2



♠ 8 3 2

♥ 10 5

♦ A K Q 9

♣ J 10 9 7

♠ A 4

♥ A K J 9 8

♦ 8 7 2

♣ 8 6 5

9
9 10
12

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	1 ♥
Pass			Pass
2 ♥ by South			

You dealt the hand. Decide what you would say, then click on BID in the bidding section above. [BID 1 ♥]

With 13 points and a nice 5-card Major suit you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you say next? [BID pass]

You say pass. You have a minimum opening hand and partner has 6-10 points so no game is available.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 2
 ♥ 6 4 3
 ♦ Q J 9 8 3
 ♣ A 6 2

8
 9 5
 18

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 9 6 3
 ♥ Q 7 5 2
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ K 8 7 4



♠ A 4
 ♥ A K 10 9 8
 ♦ A 7 2
 ♣ Q J 5

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 ♥

[BID 1 ♥]

Nice hand. 19 points and a good 5-card Major. You open 1 ♥. Partner responds 2 ♥. What is your next bid? [BID 4 ♥]

You revalue to 20 points (doubleton ♠) and partner has between 6 and T. So, 26 to 30 is the total. Game should be there, but slam is out of reach. So you bid 4 ♥.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5

♥ 10 9 6 5 4 2

♦ K 6 5 4

♣ A 8

12

7 7

14

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ K 8 3

♦ A Q J

♣ Q 6 4



♠ K Q J 10 6

♥ A

♦ 9 8 7 2

♣ K J 5

North

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

[BID 1 ♠]

With 15 points and a 5-card Major you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you say? [BID 4 ♠]

Your 15 points gets revalued to 16/17 for the singleton. Add partner's T-12 and you have enough for game. So you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 9

♥ A 10 9 6 2

♦ 10 9

♣ 8 7 3

12
6 10
12

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by South

♠ K 7 4 2

♥ Q 8

♦ A 6 5 3

♣ K 9 4



♠ A 8 6 5 3

♥ J 4

♦ J 7 2

♣ A Q 6

North

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

[BID 1 ♠]

With 13 points you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you say now? [BID pass]

Figure partner for 11-12 points. You have 13 but could revalue to 14 with the doubleton ♥. But the truth is that your points are not very good ones. You should pass.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 6

♥ Q 5 2

♦ A 10 9

♣ 9 7 2

13
8 8
11

♠ A 7 3

♥ A 7 3

♦ Q 5

♣ Q J 5 4 3



♠ K J 4

♥ 9

♦ J 8 6 4 3

♣ K 10 8 6

♠ 9 5 2

♥ K J 10 8 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ A

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

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by South

Pass

[BID 1 ♥]

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 2 ♣, showing at least 11 points. You dealt this hand. What do you bid? [BID 2 ♥]

Partner's bid forces you to bid again. You have a bare-minimum hand, but at least you have a 6-card suit which you can rebid. You say 2 ♥ and partner raises to 4 ♥.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

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

7
 11 10
 12

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by North

♠ J 8 7 4
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ K 5 4
 ♣ Q J 5 2



♠ A K 6 5
 ♥ J 9 8 6 4
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ A 3

North

1 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

2 ♠

[BID 1 ♥]

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 1 ♠. It is your bid again. [BID 2 ♠]

You have good ♠ support but you must tell partner of your minimum hand. So you bid 2 ♠ and he passes.

Deal 7

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 4 2

♥ Q J 10 3 2

♦ 8 3

♣ K 4 2

10

8 7

15

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 5

♦ K Q 6 4

♣ Q 8 7 6



♠ J 8

♥ 9 7

♦ A J 10 9 5

♣ J 10 9 5

♠ A 10 6 5

♥ A K 8 6 4

♦ 7 2

♣ A 3

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

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

[BID 1 ♥]

Naturally you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 1 ♠. What do you say next? [BID 3 ♠]

Partner has at least 4 ♠s and you have 4. So you have found the 8-card Major fit. Now it is a question of finding the right level. Your job is to further describe your hand as either minimum, medium, or maximum. With 17/18 points (revalued) you are a medium, so you jump to 3 ♠.

Partner bids the game.

Deal 8

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 5 2

♥ J 6 4 3

♦ A 8

♣ 7 4 2

15
5 8
12

♠ A 4

♥ Q 7

♦ K 10 9 7

♣ K Q J 8 6



♠ K Q 9 7 3

♥ A 10 9 5

♦ Q J 3

♣ 10

♠ J 8

♥ K 8 2

♦ 6 5 4 2

♣ A 9 5 3

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

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

3 NT

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

[BID 1 ♠]

Of course you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 2 ♣. What is your next bid? [BID 2 ♥]

Partner has shown at least 11 points and you are forced to bid again. Since the ♥s rank below ♠s you can bid them with your minimum hand. Apparently that is just what partner wanted to hear since he jumps to 3 NT which you happily pass.

Deal 9

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q
 ♥ A 8 4 2
 ♦ 10 9 7 5 3 2
 ♣ Q 6

11
 8 8
 13

♠ 6 2
 ♥ K 9 7 3
 ♦ A 8 4
 ♣ A 9 8 3



♠ A 9 7 5 3
 ♥ Q J 10 5
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ 7

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

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

[BID 1 ♠]

You open 1 ♠ and partner responds 2 ♥.
 What do you bid next? [BID 4 ♥]

Partner has shown 11+ points and at least 4 ♥s. Your hand revalues to 16 points in support of ♥s, where you know you have an 8-card fit or better. You bid 4 ♥ confidently.

Deal 10

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 4 2
♥ A 9 4 2
♦ J 6 5
♣ J 6 2

9
6 10
15

♠ Q 6
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ A 9 7
♣ 10 8 5 4



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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

[BID 1 ♠]

We all know you will open 1 ♠ with this hand. And after partner responds 1 NT what is your next bid? [BID 3 ♠]

With 6 of them you can rebid ♠s but you are too strong to say just 2 ♠. Your 17 points puts you in the Medium range where you make a jump. So you bid 3 ♠ and partner bids 4 ♠.

Deal 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 5 4
♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 10 5

11
4 5
20

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A 10 2
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ 6
♥ A Q J 9 8
♦ A K 8 5
♣ K Q J

North

3 ♥
5 ♥
Pass

East

Pass
Pass
Pass

South

1 ♥
4 NT
6 ♥

[BID 1 ♥]

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2 ♣. So you open 1 ♥ and partner responds 3 ♥. Now what? [BID 4 NT]

You might bid 4 ♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4 NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid? [BID 6 ♥]

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6 ♥.

Deal 12

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 3 2

♥ 9 4 3 2

♦ J 9 7 4

♣ K 9

19
6 9
6

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ K 5

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ K 6 3

♣ A 10 8



♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 8 6

♦ A Q 8 5

♣ 6 3 2

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

[BID 2 ♥]

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2 ♥ and he promptly raises to 4 ♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 5

♥ A J 6

♦ 10 9 6 3 2

♣ Q 9

12
10 12
6

West

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 7 4 2

♥ K 10 7 4 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ K 3

N
W E
S

♠ 8

♥ Q 9 8 5 3

♦ K J 8 5

♣ 8 6 4

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

[BID 4 ♥]

When you have a weak, distributional hand with 5 of partner's suit an immediate jump to game is usually the best approach. If he has a good hand you will probably make the contract. If he is minimum then you might get a preemptive effect and stop your LHO from entering the bidding.

This is a good example. Partner may be lucky and make 4 ♥. But if they had had an opportunity to compete the opponents might well be able to make 4 ♠.

Deal 14

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J
♥ 10 6 4 2
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K Q 8 2

15
9 7
9

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 3

♥ A K J 8 7 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 10 6 5

North

1 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♥

[BID 1 ♠]

You can't support partner's ♥s with only 2 of them so you bid your nice ♠ suit. Partner then jumps to 3 ♥. Now what do you bid? [BID 4 ♥]

Here's where a lot of players go wrong. Since they only promised 4 ♠s with their first response they think they should now rebid them to show partner they had 5. And this MIGHT work if it turns out partner has 3 ♠s. Not only is this a risky bid, it is unnecessary. When partner jump rebid ♥s he showed 16-18 points and 6 ♥s. So you know of an 8-card fit and you know you should be in game. Bid 4 ♥.

Deal 15

North Deals

None Vul

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

16
 5 6
 13

♠ A Q 10 9 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4



♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5

♠ 8 5 4

♥ K Q 7

♦ 9

♣ J 9 8 6 3 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♠	ALL	Pass

6 ♠ by North

[BID 2 ♣]

As soon as partner opens 1 ♠ you know you will settle for nothing less than the ♠ game. The problem with bidding 4 ♠ right now is that partner will take you for the "weak-distributional-with-five-trumps" hand. So you temporize by first bidding 2 ♣. Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say now? [BID 4 ♠]

You now jump to 4 ♠, completing the picture of an opening hand with good ♠ support. Partner bids 4 NT. What say you? [BID 5 ♦]

This is Blackwood so you answer 5 ♦ for one Ace. Partner says 6 ♠.

Deal 16

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ A 8 5 4

♣ 6 4 2

14
7 10
9

♠ 7 5

♥ A K 10 7 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10



♠ Q 9 2

♥ J

♦ 7 3 2

♣ A K 9 7 5 3

♠ A K 10 8

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ 8

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

[BID 3 ♥]

You could bid 1♠. Many would do so, thinking "I have to show partner my ♠ suit."

In fact, you don't have to show partner your ♠ suit. You already know of a partnership 9-card fit in ♥s, so there is no reason to search for a possible 8-card fit in ♠s.

With 11 points and 4 trumps you bid 3♥, a limit raise. Partner raises to game.

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

[BID 1 ♠]

You MIGHT jump to 2 NT to "show your points". However, a notrump bid now would deny a 4-card ♠ suit. Instead, your priority is to show that Major, so you respond 1 ♠. Partner bids 2 ♠. What do you say next? [BID 4 ♠]

Partner would not support a response which might be 4 cards unless he had 4 himself. Knowing that you have two opening hands facing each other, each containing 4 ♠s, you bid the ♠ game.

Deal 18

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ 9 8 4 3 2
♦ A 9 4 3 2
♣ Q 5

17
6 8
9

♠ A 10 9 7 5
♥ K Q
♦ K 10 5
♣ A J 7



♠ K Q 8 6
♥ J 7 6
♦ Q J 7 6
♣ 9 6

♠ J 3 2
♥ A 10 5
♦ 8
♣ K 10 8 4 3 2

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

[BID 2 ♠]

With 4-card support you respond 2 ♠. Partner raises to 3 ♠. What do you say next? [BID 4 ♠]

Partner's bid is an invitation. You have told him you have 6-10 points and he probably has about 17-18. If you are at the high end of your 6-T he wants you to bid game, at the low end he wants you to pass. You actually have T, definitely high end, so you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 19

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ 8 4 3 2
♦ K Q 9 8 2
♣ A 8 2

15
9 9
7

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

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by North

♠ A 10 9 7 5
♥ K Q
♦ A 3
♣ Q 10 4 3



♠ K Q 8 6
♥ J 7 6
♦ J 7 6
♣ 9 6 5

♠ J 3 2
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ 10 5 4
♣ K J 7

[BID 2 ♠]

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2 ♠. Partner now bids 3 ♣. What do you bid next? [BID 3 ♠]

Again partner is inviting you to bid game. He wants you to bid it if you are at the top of your 6-T range, and he wants you to particularly promote any Help you can give him in ♣s.

You are at the bottom of your range and you have no help in ♣s, so you just return to ♠s. Partner passes.

Deal 20

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J
 ♥ 9 7 4 2
 ♦ A 9 6 5
 ♣ K Q 7 2

16
 10 7
 7

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ A K 4 2
 ♥ A K J 5 3
 ♦ J 7 2
 ♣ 10



♠ 9 3
 ♥ Q 10 6
 ♦ K Q 10 3
 ♣ 9 6 5 4

North

1 ♥

3 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

4 ♥

[BID 2 ♥]

Your only reasonable response is 2 ♥.
 Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?
 [BID 4 ♥]

With 8 points you are right in the middle of the 6-10 points you promised. So you could either accept partner's invitation or decline it. BUT, he said you should particularly look at any Help you could provide in ♦s. Since you have lots of good stuff in that suit you upgrade your 8 points and bid 4 ♥.