

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

**18**  
6 9  
7



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

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

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

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 2**North Deals  
None Vul

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

**16**  
 5 8  
**11**

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

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

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 3**North Deals  
None Vul

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

**16**  
 8 10  
 6

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



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

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

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

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 4**

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

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

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

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

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 5**North Deals  
None Vul

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

10 17  
 6  
 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass

5♦ by North

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 6**North Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>17</sup>  
 8 7  
 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

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

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