

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 4  
♥ Q J 7 5 2  
♦ J 10 9  
♣ J 5

**23**  
5 5  
7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 8 2  
♥ A K 3  
♦ A 4  
♣ K Q 9 4

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

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

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 23 points you naturally open 2♣. Partner responds 2♦. What do you bid next?

You have 23 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 2 NT. Partner raises to 3 NT and you pass.

**Deal 2**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

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

9  
 2 23  
 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

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

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 2 points you make a Negative 2♦ response to partner's 2♣ opener. He now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

This isn't as clear-cut a decision as you might think at first. Partner is showing 22-24 points, and even though you only have 2 points it is possible that the partnership total could be 26. The thing that should convince you to pass is that a 24-2 point split doesn't play nearly as well as say a 13-13 split would. Lack of transportation would likely kill any chance of 3 NT (or 4♣). So you pass.

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 3  
♥ 10 9  
♦ 5 4 3 2  
♣ A 6 3 2

4  
5  
26

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ 9 7 4  
♥ Q J 7 5 2  
♦ J 10 7  
♣ J 5

♠ A K 8 2  
♥ A K 3  
♦ A K  
♣ K Q 9 4

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

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 26 points you naturally open 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♦. What do you bid next?

You have 26 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 3 NT. Everybody passes.

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
 23 4  
 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

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

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 4 points you make a Negative 2♦ response to partner's 2♣ opener. He now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

True, 4 points isn't much. But added to partner's 22-24 it becomes enough for a game. Your problem isn't whether to bid to the game or not, (you definitely will), but whether you should use Stayman to find out if there is a 4-4 ♠ fit. You decide not to do this because your 4-3-3-3 distribution removes the possibility of you getting any ruffs. So you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 5**

North Deals	♠ —		
None Vul	♥ A K Q J 8 6 4 3		
	♦ A 5		
	♣ Q J 4		
♠ A Q J 9 6 4 2	♠ 10 5		
♥ —	♥ 10 7 5		
♦ 10 6	♦ K Q 9 3		
♣ K 8 5 2	♣ A 9 7 6		
	♠ K 8 7 3		
	♥ 9 2		
10 9	♦ J 8 7 4 2		
4	♣ 10 3		
West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You only have 20 points, but you have 9 playing tricks. You have two choices, open 4 ♥ or open 2 ♣. Usually 4 ♥ would show a slightly weaker hand than this, so you bid 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♦. What do you bid next?

Of course you bid your 8-card suit. But no jumping, just bid 2 ♥. Partner now says 2 NT. What do you bid next?

Partner has between 3 and 7 points. Somewhere in those points might be the one trick you need, but you don't have any scientific way of finding out. So just bid 4 ♥ and hope.(There it is, the ♣T.)