

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 3

♥ J 5

♦ J 10 9 8 5

♣ 10 6 2

♠ 7

♥ 6 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3



♠ A K J 4

♥ A 10 8 4

♦ K Q 3 2

♣ 5

♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ K Q 9 7 3

♦ 7

♣ J 9

 $\begin{matrix} 13 \\ 2 \quad 17 \\ 8 \end{matrix}$

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

2 ♦

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass
3 ♣ by North

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With two 5-card Majors of course you bid 2 ♦. Partner responds 3 ♣. What do you say now?

This wasn't according to your script. Partner was supposed to choose a Major. The reason he didn't, of course, is that he didn't like either one and figured you would be better in ♣s. So you pass.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 5 2**♥ A 9 7 4 3****♦ 6 2****♣ 10****♠ A 6****♥ K J 2****♦ A J 8 5 4****♣ J 8 3****♠ Q 8 7 4****♥ 10 6 5****♦ 7****♣ A 9 7 5 2****♠ 9 3****♥ Q 8****♦ K Q 10 9 3****♣ K Q 6 4****14
8 6
12****West****North****East****South****1♦****2♦****3♦****3♠****Pass****Pass****3♣ by East**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You don't have a great hand but you DO have 4 ♠s. So don't let the opponents have a 3-level contract when your side has 9 ♠s. Bid 3♠.

Note: See the Law of Total Tricks Lesson on this topic.