

**Deal 1**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

You open 1 NT and partner jumps to 4 NT.

This is the threequel to 4 and 5. With a "good 16" points you accept the invitation and bid 6 NT.

As you might expect, this time the slam is not so certain, but there is a good chance. If either Minor suit finesse works you can make 12 tricks.

**Deal 2**

West Deals	♠ K Q 6
None Vul	♥ Q 5
	♦ A J 7 4
	♣ K 10 9 6

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

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10	15	♠ 7 3
11		♥ J 10 9 7 6 3
4		♦ K 3
		♣ 5 4 2

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

2 ♥ by South

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

Surprise - you open 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next? (no transfers in this lesson)

Pass. Partner has long ♥s (probably 6) and short points (fewer than 9). He has decided that 2 ♥ will be a better spot than 1 NT. Trust him.

**Deal 3**

West Deals

None Vul

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



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

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

You open 1 NT and partner replies 3 ♥. What do you say next?

With this bidding method, partner's bid shows at least 10 points and exactly 5 ♥s. He expects you to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♥. Since you have just a doubleton in ♥s you choose 3 NT.

NOTE: Jacoby Transfers are very useful for this type of hand.

**Deal 4**East Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>17</sup>  
5 9

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

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

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

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

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

Yes this is exactly the same hand you held in Deal 8. You still open 1 NT. This time partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner shows T+ points and exactly 5 ♠s. This time, with 3-card support, you choose game in ♠s, knowing there is an 8-card fit.

**Deal 5**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 7 5 3  
 ♥ A 9 5 2  
 ♦ 9 3  
 ♣ Q 7 2

13  
 6 6  
 15

♠ A 10 9  
 ♥ 8 3  
 ♦ A K J 10 8 2  
 ♣ J 8

W N  
S E

♠ J 4 2  
 ♥ J 10 7 6  
 ♦ 6 5  
 ♣ A 5 4 3

♠ K Q 6  
 ♥ K Q 4  
 ♦ Q 7 4  
 ♣ K 10 9 6

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

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

You open 1 NT and partner says 3 ♦. It's your bid.

Partner has a great hand. A jump to 3 in a Minor suit almost always shows slam interest. But that's partner with interest, not you. You couldn't have a more minimum 1 NT opening bid.

So you just return to 3 NT. Partner gives up and passes.