

**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

<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 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**

South Deals

None Vul

**♠ 6 3****♥ 10 9 2****♦ Q J 7 5****♣ K 5 3 2****♠ 10 8 7 2****♥ Q 5 3****♦ 8 6 4****♣ 9 7 4****♠ 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****2  
6 9  
23**

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

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**North Deals  
None Vul

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

**26**  
 5 5  
 4

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

W N  
S E

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

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

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

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**South Deals  
None Vul

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

4  
6 7  
23

W	N
S	E

♠ 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

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

<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 South

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	♠ —	♥ A K Q J 8 6 4 3	
None Vul	♦ A 5		
	♣ Q J 4		
♠ A Q J 9 6 4 2		♠ 10 5	
♥ —	N	♥ 10 7 5	
♦ 10 6	W E	♦ K Q 9 3	
♣ K 8 5 2	S	♣ 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.)

**Deal 6**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
8 5  
21

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

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

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

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

3 NT by South

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 7 points you must bid a Negative 2 ♦. Partner now bids 2 ♥. What is your bid?

For someone who made an initial Negative response you have quite a good hand. You can't support partner's ♥s (yet) but you consider jumping to 3 NT. All in all it is better to just describe your hand with a 3 ♦ bid, then wait and see what partner says. You don't have to wait long since he bids 3 NT which you pass.