

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

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

5  
7 8  
20

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

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

With a balanced 20 point hand you open 2 NT. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid next?

Partner is showing a 5-card ♠ suit and at least 5 points. This is a forcing bid; you are to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♠, depending on your ♠ holding. With three of them you bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 2**North Deals  
None Vul

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

**10**  
 8    15  
 7

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

♠ Q 5

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ A 9 5 3

♣ A 10 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

You have 8 points. Even if partner has the maximum 17 it would only add to 25, which is probably not enough to make game. You should pass.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 3

♥ K Q 2

♦ 10 9 7 4

♣ J 5 3

♠ J 10 8

♥ J 5 4

♦ K J 5 2

♣ 9 8 2

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul

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

16      5  
       12  
       7

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

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

A balanced hand with 12 points. Even if partner has just 15 points you want to be in game. So you bid 3 NT.