

Deal 1

South Deals	♠ 6 2
None Vul	♥ K 9 7 3
	♦ A 8 4
	♣ A 9 8 3
♠ Q	♠ K J 10 8 4
♥ A 8 4 2	♥ 6
♦ 10 9 7 5 3 2	♦ 6
♣ Q 6	♣ K J 10 5 4 2

11	♠ A 9 7 5 3
8 8	♥ Q J 10 5
13	♦ K Q J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4♥ by North			

You open 1♠ and partner responds 2♥. What do you bid next?

Partner has shown 11+ points and at least 4 ♥s. Your hand revalues to 16 points in support of ♥s, where you know you have an 8-card fit or better. You bid 4♥ confidently.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

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

9		♠ A K 10 7 5 3
6	10	♥ Q J 5
15		♦ K Q 10

♣ 7

W	N
S	E

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

We all know you will open 1 ♠ with this hand. And after partner responds 1 NT what is your next bid?

With 6 of them you can rebid ♠s but you are too strong to say just 2 ♠. Your 17 points puts you in the Medium range where you make a jump. So you bid 3 ♠ and partner bids 4 ♠.

Deal 3

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

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2 ♣. So you open 1 ♥ and partner responds 3 ♥. Now what?

You might bid 4 ♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4 NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid?

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6 ♥.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

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



6	♠ K 5
9	♥ A K Q 7 5
6	♦ K 6 3
19	♣ A 10 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2 ♥ and he promptly raises to 4 ♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.