

Deal 1
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

6	♠ 6 3
10	♥ K 5
16	♦ K Q J 6

♠ K 10 4
♥ Q 10 7 2
♦ 10 9 8
♣ Q J 6

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 3
♥ J
♦ A K 6 4
♣ A K 9 8 3

♠ A Q 6 4 2
♥ 6 3
♦ Q 10 2
♣ Q 5 2

♠ K 9
♥ A 10 5 2
♦ J 9 7 5
♣ J 10 4

♠ 10 8 5
♥ K Q 9 8 7 4
♦ 8 3
♣ 7 6

**16
10 9
5**

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

You have 7 points, and basically nothing but s♥. You must make a minimum bid, and the only reasonable one is 2 ♥. Despite his 17 points, partner passes.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 5 3

♦ 5 3 2

♣ K Q 10 9

♠ A K 8 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 10 9 8

♣ 7 6 5 4



♠ Q 10 5 3

♥ K 10 8 6 4

♦ A

♣ J 8 2

♠ 7

♥ A Q J 9

♦ K Q J 7 6 4

♣ A 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

5 ♦ by South

You have an ideal hand for a Reverse, so you bid 2 ♥.

Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand, but at least he came up with a preference for ♦s.

There are no guarantees here, but you should probably try 5 ♦.

Deal 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
 ♥ K J 9 5 3
 ♦ 9 8 7 4
 ♣ A 4 2

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♠ J 5
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ K Q 9 8 6

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

♠ K Q 9 7 4 3
 ♥ 8 7 2
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ 10 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4♠ by South			

With 18 points you have enough to make a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner now says 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner's jump bid shows a 6-card suit and enough points to insist on game. With your ♥ stopper you might be considering 3 NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4♠.

Be very glad that you did. 3 NT would go down with a ♥ opening lead while 4♠ is cold.