

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♠ by South			

With 11 points in support of ♠s you need to let partner know. The way to do it is to bid 2 ♣.

Partner rebids 2 ♦, confirming a full-strength opening bid. What do you bid next?

You've told partner you had at least a limit raise, now you need to tell him that it is pretty minimal. You bid 2 ♠ and everybody passes.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 4 3

♥ A 10 9 5

♦ 10 3 2

♣ A 9 7

6
12 9
13

♠ J 10 9 6

♥ Q 8

♦ 8 6

♣ K 8 6 5 3



♠ K Q 8 7 5

♥ K 7 4

♦ K Q 7

♣ 10 2

♠ 2

♥ J 6 3 2

♦ A J 9 5 4

♣ Q J 4

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by South

You open in third seat and the bidding continues as shown.

If you thought North had 11 points you'd bid 4 ♠. But you know he has a weak hand - with T+ points and support he would have said 2 ♣.

His 3 ♠ bid is just preemptive, so you pass.