

Deal 1

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

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

11 ♠ A 8
 10 2 ♥ K J 7 4
 17 ♦ A 7 2
 ♣ K Q 5 3

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
2 ♦	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

South opens 1 NT and West overcalls 2 ♦. What do you say?

Dad-burned interfering opponents. You were going to bid a Stayman 2 ♣ and now you can't. You also don't want to bid either Major with only 4 of them. And you certainly can't bid notrump with no ♦ stopper. Fortunately the overcall has opened a window of opportunity for you. So you cue-bid 3 ♦. Even if you and partner haven't discussed this it is pretty obvious that you don't really want to play in ♦s, so the most likely action for him is to bid a suit, and a Major suit would have priority. So really, the cue-bid achieves the same purpose as Stayman would have.

Partner now bids 3 ♥. What do you say?

Partner showed a 4-card ♥ suit. With your 4 that makes a fit. You have 12 revalued points so you bid 4 ♥.