

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3 2
♥ 10 5
♦ A K Q 9
♣ J 10 9 7

12
10 9
9

West

Pass

2 ♥ by North

♠ A 4
♥ A K J 9 8
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 8 6 5



♠ 9 7 5
♥ Q 7 3 2
♦ 5 4 3
♣ A K 4

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

You dealt the hand. Decide what you would say, then on BID in the bidding section above.

With 13 points and a nice 5-card Major suit you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you say next?

You say pass. You have a minimum opening hand and partner has 6-10 points so no game is available.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 3
 ♥ Q 7 5 2
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ K 8 7 4

5
 8 18
 9

West

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by East

♠ K J 10 8 7 5

♥ J

♦ 10 6 5

♣ 10 9 3



♠ Q 2

♥ 6 4 3

♦ Q J 9 8 3

♣ A 6 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

Nice hand. 19 points and a good 5-card Major. You open 1 ♥. Partner responds 2 ♥. What is your next bid?

You revalue to 20 points (doubleton ♠) and partner has between 6 and T. So, 26 to 30 is the total. Game should be there, but slam is out of reach. So you bid 4 ♥.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

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

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

With 15 points and a 5-card Major you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you say?

Your 15 points gets revalued to 16/17 for the singleton. Add partner's T-12 and you have enough for game. So you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 6 5 3

♥ J 4

♦ J 7 2

♣ A Q 6

6
12 12
10

West

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♠ by West

♠ Q 10 9

♥ A 10 9 6 2

♦ 10 9

♣ 8 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ J

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ K Q 8 4

♣ J 10 5 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

3 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

With 13 points you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you say now?

Figure partner for 11-12 points. You have 13 but could revalue to 14 with the doubleton ♥. But the truth is that your points are not very good ones. You should pass.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 4

♥ 9

♦ J 8 6 4 3

♣ K 10 8 6

11
8 8
13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 9 5 2

♥ K J 10 8 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ A



♠ A 7 3

♥ A 7 3

♦ Q 5

♣ Q J 5 4 3

North

1 ♥

2 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 ♥

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 2 ♣, showing at least 11 points. You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

Partner's bid forces you to bid again. You have a bare-minimum hand, but at least you have a 6-card suit which you can rebid. You say 2 ♥ and partner raises to 4 ♥.

Deal 6

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6 5
♥ J 9 8 6 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A 3

11
12 7
10

West
1 ♥
2 ♠
2 ♠ by East

♠ 10 3 2
♥ A Q 3 2
♦ A J 10
♣ 9 7 4



♠ Q 9
♥ K 10
♦ Q 9 8 6 3
♣ K 10 8 6

North
Pass
Pass

♠ J 8 7 4
♥ 7 5
♦ K 5 4
♣ Q J 5 2

East
1 ♠
Pass

South
Pass
Pass

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 1 ♠. It is your bid again.

You have good ♠ support but you must tell partner of your minimum hand. So you bid 2 ♠ and he passes.

Deal 7

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8

♥ 9 7

♦ A J 10 9 5

♣ J 10 9 5

15
7 8
10

♠ A 10 6 5

♥ A K 8 6 4

♦ 7 2

♣ A 3



♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 5

♦ K Q 6 4

♣ Q 8 7 6

♠ Q 4 2

♥ Q J 10 3 2

♦ 8 3

♣ K 4 2

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

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

Naturally you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 1 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner has at least 4 ♠s and you have 4. So you have found the 8-card Major fit. Now it is a question of finding the right level. Your job is to further describe your hand as either minimum, medium, or maximum. With 17/18 points (revalued) you are a medium, so you jump to 3 ♠.

Partner bids the game.

Deal 8

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 4
♥ Q 7
♦ K 10 9 7
♣ K Q J 8 6

8
15 12
5

West

2 ♣

3 NT

3 NT by West

♠ J 8
♥ K 8 2
♦ 6 5 4 2
♣ A 9 5 3



♠ 10 6 5 2
♥ J 6 4 3
♦ A 8
♣ 7 4 2

North

Pass

Pass

♠ K Q 9 7 3
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ Q J 3
♣ 10

East

1 ♠

2 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Of course you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 2 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner has shown at least 11 points and you are forced to bid again. Since the ♥s rank below ♠s you can bid them with your minimum hand. Apparently that is just what partner wanted to hear since he jumps to 3 NT which you happily pass.

Deal 9

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q
 ♥ A 8 4 2
 ♦ 10 9 7 5 3 2
 ♣ Q 6

11
 8 8
 13

♠ 6 2
 ♥ K 9 7 3
 ♦ A 8 4
 ♣ A 9 8 3



♠ A 9 7 5 3
 ♥ Q J 10 5
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ 7

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

<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 10

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 6
 ♥ K 8 7 3
 ♦ A 9 7
 ♣ 10 8 5 4

10
 9 15
 6

West

♠ J 8

♥ 10 6

♦ 8 4 3 2

♣ A K Q 9 3

W N
 S E

♠ 9 4 2

♥ A 9 4 2

♦ J 6 5

♣ J 6 2

North

♠ A K 10 7 5 3

♥ Q J 5

♦ K Q 10

♣ 7

*East**South*

1 ♠

Pass

1 NT

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by East

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 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 2
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A 9 7

♠ Q 5 4
♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 10 5



♠ K J 9 8 7 3
♥ —
♦ J 2
♣ 8 6 4 3 2

11
4 5
20

♠ 6
♥ A Q J 9 8
♦ A K 8 5
♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by South

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 12

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 5
 ♥ A K Q 7 5
 ♦ K 6 3
 ♣ A 10 8

9
 19 6
 6

West

1 ♥

4 ♥

4 ♥ by West

♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ J

♦ 10 2

♣ Q J 7 5 4



♠ Q 3 2

♥ 9 4 3 2

♦ J 9 7 4

♣ K 9

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

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.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 5

♥ A J 6

♦ 10 9 6 3 2

♣ Q 9

12
10 12
6

West

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 7 4 2

♥ K 10 7 4 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ K 3



♠ 8

♥ Q 9 8 5 3

♦ K J 8 5

♣ 8 6 4

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

♠ A Q J 10 9 3

♥ —

♦ 7

♣ A J 10 7 5 2

When you have a weak, distributional hand with 5 of partner's suit an immediate jump to game is usually the best approach. If he has a good hand you will probably make the contract. If he is minimum then you might get a preemptive effect and stop your LHO from entering the bidding.

This is a good example. Partner may be lucky and make 4 ♥. But if they had had an opportunity to compete the opponents might well be able to make 4 ♠.

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 10 6 5

9

9 15

7

West

1 ♠

4 ♥

4 ♥ by East

♠ J

♥ 10 6 4 2

♦ K 10 8 6

♣ K Q 8 2



♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4

♥ 9

♦ 9 5

♣ A J 9 4

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

You can't support partner's ♥s with only 2 of them so you bid your nice ♠ suit. Partner then jumps to 3 ♥. Now what do you bid?

Here's where a lot of players go wrong. Since they only promised 4 ♠s with their first response they think they should now rebid them to show partner they had 5. And this MIGHT work if it turns out partner has 3 ♠s. Not only is this a risky bid, it is unnecessary. When partner jump rebid ♥s he showed 16-18 points and 6 ♥s. So you know of an 8-card fit and you know you should be in game. Bid 4 ♥.

Deal 15

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 4
♥ K Q 7
♦ 9
♣ J 9 8 6 3 2

13
6 5
16

West

♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5



♠ A Q 10 9 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4

*North**East**South*

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

6 ♠

ALL

Pass

6 ♠ by South

As soon as partner opens 1 ♠ you know you will settle for nothing less than the ♠ game. The problem with bidding 4 ♠ right now is that partner will take you for the "weak-distributional-with-five-trumps" hand. So you temporize by first bidding 2 ♣. Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say now?

You now jump to 4 ♠, completing the picture of an opening hand with good ♠ support. Partner bids 4 NT. What say you?

This is Blackwood so you answer 5 ♦ for one Ace. Partner says 6 ♠.

Deal 16

West Deals

None Vul

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

10
14 9
7

♠ Q 9 2
♥ J
♦ 7 3 2
♣ A K 9 7 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 6 4 3
♥ Q 2
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 6 4 2

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

You could bid 1♠. Many would do so, thinking "I have to show partner my ♠ suit."

In fact, you don't have to show partner your ♠ suit. You already know of a partnership 9-card fit in ♥s, so there is no reason to search for a possible 8-card fit in ♠s.

With 11 points and 4 trumps you bid 3♥, a limit raise. Partner raises to game.

Deal 17

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 8

♥ Q 6

♦ Q J 9 6

♣ A 9 6

♠ J 5 4 3

♥ 10 5

♦ 7

♣ K J 10 5 4 2



♠ 7

♥ 9 8 3 2

♦ A K 8 4 3 2

♣ Q 8

♠ A 9 6 2

♥ A K J 7 4

♦ 10 5

♣ 7 3

14
5 9
12

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

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

You MIGHT jump to 2 NT to "show your points". However, a notrump bid now would deny a 4-card ♠ suit. Instead, your priority is to show that Major, so you respond 1 ♠. Partner bids 2 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would not support a response which might be 4 cards unless he had 4 himself. Knowing that you have two opening hands facing each other, each containing 4 ♠s, you bid the ♠ game.

Deal 18

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 8 6
 ♥ J 7 6
 ♦ Q J 7 6
 ♣ 9 6

6
 9 17
 8

West

2 ♠

4 ♠

4 ♠ by East

♠ 4

♥ 9 8 4 3 2

♦ A 9 4 3 2

♣ Q 5



♠ J 3 2

♥ A 10 5

♦ 8

♣ K 10 8 4 3 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

With 4-card support you respond 2 ♠.
 Partner raises to 3 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner's bid is an invitation. You have told him you have 6-10 points and he probably has about 17-18. If you are at the high end of your 6-T he wants you to bid game, at the low end he wants you to pass. You actually have T, definitely high end, so you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 19

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 8 6
♥ J 7 6
♦ J 7 6
♣ 9 6 5

♠ J 3 2
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ 10 5 4
♣ K J 7



♠ 4
♥ 8 4 3 2
♦ K Q 9 8 2
♣ A 8 2

7
9 9
15

♠ A 10 9 7 5
♥ K Q
♦ A 3
♣ Q 10 4 3

West North East South

			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3 ♠ by South

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2 ♠. Partner now bids 3 ♣. What do you bid next?

Again partner is inviting you to bid game. He wants you to bid it if you are at the top of your 6-T range, and he wants you to particularly promote any Help you can give him in ♣s.

You are at the bottom of your range and you have no help in ♣s, so you just return to ♠s. Partner passes.

Deal 20

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 4 2
 ♥ A K J 5 3
 ♦ J 7 2
 ♣ 10

7
 16 7
 10

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

♠ Q 10 8 7 6 5

♥ 8

♦ 8 4

♣ A J 8 3

W N
 S E

♠ J

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ A 9 6 5

♣ K Q 7 2

♠ 9 3

♥ Q 10 6

♦ K Q 10 3

♣ 9 6 5 4

Your only reasonable response is 2 ♥.
 Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

With 8 points you are right in the middle of the 6-10 points you promised. So you could either accept partner's invitation or decline it. BUT, he said you should particularly look at any Help you could provide in ♦s. Since you have lots of good stuff in that suit you upgrade your 8 points and bid 4 ♥.