

**Deal 1**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 8 3  
♥ J 10 8 6  
♦ K 10  
♣ A 8 4  
  
♠ 7  
♥ K Q 2  
♦ 7 6 4 2  
♣ J 10 9 6 2  
  
9  
6 8  
17

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

West      North      East      South  
Pass      2 ♣      Pass      1 NT  
Pass      2 NT      Pass      2 ♦  
Pass      Pass      Pass      3 NT  
3 NT by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.  
What do you bid?

With no 4-card Major you reply 2 ♦. What  
do you bid after partner next says 2 NT?

Partner seems to have about 9 points and  
is inviting you to say 3 NT. Since you  
have a maximum 17 point hand you  
accept the invitation.

**Deal 2**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 4 3
♥ A J
♦ 8 7 6 5 2
♣ 10 9 8

9
6
10
15



♠ K 10 8 5
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ A 9 3
♣ Q 5

♠ A 9
♥ K 10 7 4
♦ 10 4
♣ K 6 4 3 2

♠ Q 7 6 2
♥ Q 6 3
♦ K Q J
♣ A J 7

West      North      East      South

1 NT

Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♣
Pass	

3 ♣ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.  
What do you bid?

You bid 2 ♠. Partner next says 3 ♠. What do you say now?

Considering the bidding you have done so far you couldn't have a worse hand. With 4-3-3-3 distribution and a bare 15 points you most certainly don't want to accept any invitation from partner. So you pass. As you see, 9 tricks are not going to come easily.

**Deal 3**

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.  
What do you bid?

You respond 2 ♥. Partner now says 3 ♥.  
What do you bid?

Partner has told you he has 4 ♥s and approximately 9 points. Add that to your 4 ♥s and 17 points and the total equals a game bid in ♥s. So you say 4 ♥.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3  
♥ K 8 7  
♦ K 9 6 5 2  
♣ 7 6 4

9  
6 8  
17

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

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

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

4 ♠ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.  
What do you bid?

When you have 4 cards in both Majors you respond 2 ♥. Partner bids 2 NT. What is your next bid?

Partner would never bid Stayman without a 4-card Major. Since he did not like your ♥ bid it is clear that his 4-card Major must be ♠s. His 2 NT bid was an invitation for you to bid 3 NT, which means he has about 9 points. Knowing that partner has 9 points and 4 ♠s, your call is clear : 4 ♠.