

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 4
 ♥ 9
 ♦ J 8 6 4 3
 ♣ K 10 8 6

11
 8 8
13



♠ A 7 3
 ♥ A 7 3
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ Q J 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

♠ 9 5 2
 ♥ K J 10 8 6 4
 ♦ K 7 2
 ♣ A

♠ Q 10 8 6
 ♥ Q 5 2
 ♦ A 10 9
 ♣ 9 7 2

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 2West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6 5
 ♥ J 9 8 6 4
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ A 3

11
12 7
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♠ 10 3 2
 ♥ A Q 3 2
 ♦ A J 10
 ♣ 9 7 4

♠ J 8 7 4
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ K 5 4
 ♣ Q J 5 2

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

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

2 ♠ by East

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 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8
♥ 9 7
♦ A J 10 9 5
♣ J 10 9 5

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

♠ Q 4 2
♥ Q J 10 3 2
♦ 8 3
♣ K 4 2

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ 5
♦ K Q 6 4
♣ Q 8 7 6

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 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 4
♥ Q 7
♦ K 10 9 7
♣ K Q J 8 6

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♠ J 8
♥ K 8 2
♦ 6 5 4 2
♣ A 9 5 3

♠ K Q 9 7 3
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ Q J 3
♣ 10

♠ 10 6 5 2
♥ J 6 4 3
♦ A 8
♣ 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by West			

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.