

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 4 2
♥ A 8
♦ J 3 2
♣ J 8 4 3

14
6 6
14

♠ Q 7 3
♥ K 10 3
♦ K 10 4
♣ A Q 10 2

♠ A 5
♥ 7 5 4 2
♦ Q 9 8 7
♣ 7 6 5

♠ K J 10 8
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ A 6 5
♣ K 9

West North East South
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Pass Pass Pass
3 NT by North

1♦

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

This is the one situation when you open a 3-card ♦ suit; two 4-card Majors, three ♦s and two ♣s, but not enough strength to open 1 NT.

Partner responds 2 NT. What do you bid?

Partner's bid shows 13-16 points, balanced. And most importantly, it denies holding a 4-card Major suit. So you do not consider bidding either your ♦s or ♠s, but just bid 3 NT.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 3
♥ J 6 4
♦ 9 3
♣ K 10 9 8 5

10
9 13
8

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♠ 8 6
♥ 10 2
♦ A Q 10 6 5
♣ A Q J 2

♠ 9 7 4
♥ A 9 3
♦ K J 8 7
♣ 7 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♣ by East			

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

With a 5-card and a 4-card Minor you open the 5-card. Partner responds 1 NT. What do you say now?

With only 14 points a pass might be the best bid. But with doubletons in both Majors, knowing partner does not have 4 of either, you elect to bid 2 ♣. Partner now surprises you and bids 3 ♣. It's your bid.

Partner evidently found some hidden treasure when he revalued! But you still have only 16 points at the most so you pass.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4	♦ A Q 5
♥ Q J 4	♦ K 10 8 7 3

♠ 8 2	♦ K 10 7 4 3
♥ 8 3 2	♦ 9 6 5

