

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 2
♥ A Q 6 3
♦ 9 7
♣ 9 7 6 5 2

14
6 7
13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A Q J 10 8 5

♥ K 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 10 3



♠ K 9 7 3

♥ J 7

♦ K Q 6 5

♣ K J 8

North

1 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4 ♠

It is your bid.

You show an above minimum hand with 6 trumps by bidding 3 ♠. Partner bids 4 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would have shown a red Ace if he had one. Since he doesn't have one, all thoughts of slam are off. You pass.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 3
 ♥ K Q 8 6
 ♦ K Q J 3
 ♣ 9 7 5

9
 14 12
 5

West

2 NT

Pass

4 ♥ by East

♠ Q J 8 7

♥ J 2

♦ 10 9 8 4

♣ K Q 4



♠ 10 9 4 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 6 5 2

♣ A J 10 3

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

It is your bid.

With 15 points and four of partner's suit you naturally bid 2 NT. Partner now jumps to 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner's rebid of 4 ♥ is not strong. He is using the Principle of Fast Arrival to indicate a minimum opening hand. Since you have nothing extra you pass quietly.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 5 4
 ♥ 5 4 3
 ♦ 10 4
 ♣ A Q 10 4

14
 6 7
 13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ Q J
 ♥ A J 10 6
 ♦ Q 5 2
 ♣ K J 7 3



♠ 7 3
 ♥ K Q 9 7 2
 ♦ A K J 9 8
 ♣ 5

North

2 NT

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

♠ A K 10 8 2
 ♥ 8
 ♦ 7 6 3
 ♣ 9 8 6 2

It is your bid.

Although you could show your singleton ♣ now it is usually more informative to show a second 5-card suit. So you say 4 ♦. Partner bids 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner signed off, showing a minimum, so you have nothing further to say.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 3

♥ A J 10 9 5 3

♦ 6

♣ K 8 2

8

14 13

5

West

1 ♥

3 ♦

Pass

4 ♥ by West

♠ 9 8 6 4 2

♥ 7

♦ Q 9 8 4

♣ A Q 3



♠ 10 7 5

♥ 4 2

♦ A 7 5 2

♣ J 10 6 4

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 NT

4 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

It is your bid.

Opening hand with 4-card trump support. You bid 2 NT. Partner rebids 3 ♦. What do you say?

The news that partner has a singleton ♦ does NOT excite you. In fact it causes your hand to devalue a lot. So you use the Principle of Fast Arrival and bid 4 ♥.