

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 8 6 3
♦ A J 7 4 3
♣ J 10 5

13
6 8
13

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ K 9
♦ K 6 2
♣ A 8 6 3



♠ A K 10 3
♥ A Q 7 5
♦ 10 9 5
♣ 7 2

♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 10 4 2
♦ Q 8
♣ K Q 9 4

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

If you thought you couldn't bid 1 ♠ because it would have been a Reverse just think again.

A Reverse is when you bid a higher-ranking second suit at the 2-level. This is just normal bidding of suits up the line.

Partner now takes control and bids the ♠ game.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 8 3
♥ Q J
♦ K J 6
♣ J 10 9 7

8
13 14
5

West

1 ♠
3 NT
3 NT by East

♠ A 9 5
♥ 10 7 6 5 3
♦ A 9
♣ 8 3 2



♠ J 6 4
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 8 7 3 2
♣ A 6 4

North

Pass
ALL

♠ 10 7 2
♥ A K 9 4
♦ Q 5 4
♣ K Q 5

East

1 ♣
1 NT
Pass

South

Pass
Pass

Don't bid 2 ♥. That would be a Reverse, showing at least 17 points. A 2 ♥ bid would also show longer ♣s than ♥s. Don't bid 2 ♠. That would be showing 4-card support.

So with your minimum hand you bid 1 NT which partner raises to 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 6 3

♣ J 10 8

16

7 11

6

West

Pass

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ J 3

♥ Q 8

♦ K Q J 5

♣ A K 7 6 2



♠ K 10 9 4

♥ K 10 9 6

♦ 10 8 2

♣ 9 5

North

1 ♣

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

2 NT

At your first turn you bid your ♥ suit, up-the-line. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You only have 7 points, but partner Reversed so you cannot pass. You need to make a bid to show your minimum, and you cannot support either of partner's suits, nor can you rebid your ♥s.

However, you also cannot bid your ♠ suit. That would be fourth-suit-forcing, and would show a game forcing hand of 9 or more points.

Instead you bid 2 NT. Partner has a bare 17 so he passes.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ J
♥ A Q 10
♦ A Q J 3
♣ Q J 9 8 6

8
17 11
4

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

♠ A 10 7 3
♥ J 6 4
♦ K 6 2
♣ 7 5 4



♠ 4 2
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ 9 8 7 4
♣ A 3 2

♠ K Q 9 8 6 5
♥ K 8 2
♦ 10 5
♣ K 10

With 18 points you have enough to make a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner now says 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner's jump bid shows a 6-card suit and enough points to insist on game. You don't have ♠ support but you do have good ♥ stoppers so you bid 3 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 4 3 2
♥ 7 2
♦ K J 2
♣ 9 5 2

16
7 8
9

♠ 6
♥ A K Q 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ A Q J 10 3



♠ A Q 9 8 5
♥ 10 8 6 5
♦ 8 4
♣ K 7

♠ J 7
♥ J 9 3
♦ A Q 10 7 5
♣ 8 6 4

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

With his Reverse, partner has shown at least 17 points and at least 4 ♥s.

You could fall back on the guidelines and say that with 10 points you need to make a positive bid at this time, but it is simpler to just rely on "SHE WHO KNOWS, GOES."

Since you know of an 8-card ♥ fit and at least 27 points you bid 4 ♥.