

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 6		♠ 8 3 2
♥ 6 4		♥ 10 5
♦ J 10 6		♦ A K Q 9
♣ Q 3 2		♣ J 10 9 7

9  
9 10  
12

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

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

You dealt the hand. Decide what you would say, then on BID in the bidding section above.

With 13 points and a nice 5-card Major suit you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you say next?

You say pass. You have a minimum opening hand and partner has 6-10 points so no game is available.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 2  
♥ 6 4 3  
♦ Q J 9 8 3  
♣ A 6 2

8  
9 5  
18

*West*

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

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



♠ A 4  
♥ A K 10 9 8  
♦ A 7 2  
♣ Q J 5

*North*

2 ♥

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 ♥

4 ♥

Nice hand. 19 points and a good 5-card Major. You open 1 ♥. Partner responds 2 ♥. What is your next bid?

You revalue to 20 points (doubleton ♠) and partner has between 6 and T. So, 26 to 30 is the total. Game should be there, but slam is out of reach. So you bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5

♥ 10 9 6 5 4 2

♦ K 6 5 4

♣ A 8

12

7 7

14

*West*

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ K 8 3

♦ A Q J

♣ Q 6 4

♠ K Q J 10 6

♥ A

♦ 9 8 7 2

♣ K J 5

*North*

3 ♠

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 ♠

4 ♠



With 15 points and a 5-card Major you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you say?

Your 15 points gets revalued to 16/17 for the singleton. Add partner's T-12 and you have enough for game. So you bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 4**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 9

♥ A 10 9 6 2

♦ 10 9

♣ 8 7 3

12  
6 10  
12

*West*

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by South

♠ K 7 4 2

♥ Q 8

♦ A 6 5 3

♣ K 9 4



♠ A 8 6 5 3

♥ J 4

♦ J 7 2

♣ A Q 6

*North*

3 ♠

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 ♠

Pass

With 13 points you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you say now?

Figure partner for 11-12 points. You have 13 but could revalue to 14 with the doubleton ♥. But the truth is that your points are not very good ones. You should pass.

**Deal 5**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
8 8  
11

♠ A 7 3  
♥ A 7 3  
♦ Q 5  
♣ Q J 5 4 3



♠ K J 4  
♥ 9  
♦ J 8 6 4 3  
♣ K 10 8 6

♠ 9 5 2  
♥ K J 10 8 6 4  
♦ K 7 2  
♣ A

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

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 6**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9

♥ K 10

♦ Q 9 8 6 3

♣ K 10 8 6

12

10 11

7

*West*

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ A K 6 5

♥ J 9 8 6 4

♦ 7 2

♣ A 3



♠ J 8 7 4

♥ 7 5

♦ K 5 4

♣ Q J 5 2

*North*

1 ♥

2 ♠

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 ♠

Pass

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 7**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8

♥ 9 7

♦ A J 10 9 5

♣ J 10 9 5

15  
7 8  
10

♠ A 10 6 5

♥ A K 8 6 4

♦ 7 2

♣ A 3



♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 5

♦ K Q 6 4

♣ Q 8 7 6

♠ Q 4 2

♥ Q J 10 3 2

♦ 8 3

♣ K 4 2

*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 8**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

12  
8 5  
15

♠ K Q 9 7 3  
♥ A 10 9 5  
♦ Q J 3  
♣ 10



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

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

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

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.

**Deal 9**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 8 4		♠ Q
♥ 6		♥ A 8 4 2
♦ 6		♦ 10 9 7 5 3 2
♣ K J 10 5 4 2		♣ Q 6

	♠ 6 2
	♥ K 9 7 3
	♦ A 8 4
	♣ A 9 8 3

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

You open 1 ♠ and partner responds 2 ♥.  
What do you bid next?

Partner has shown 11+ points and at least 4 ♥s. Your hand revalues to 16 points in support of ♥s, where you know you have an 8-card fit or better. You bid 4 ♥ confidently.

**Deal 10**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4 2

♥ A 9 4 2

♦ J 6 5

♣ J 6 2

9  
6 10  
15

♠ Q 6

♥ K 8 7 3

♦ A 9 7

♣ 10 8 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 10 7 5 3

♥ Q J 5

♦ K Q 10

♣ 7

♠ J 8

♥ 10 6

♦ 8 4 3 2

♣ A K Q 9 3

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

1 NT

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

We all know you will open 1 ♠ with this hand. And after partner responds 1 NT what is your next bid?

With 6 of them you can rebid ♠s but you are too strong to say just 2 ♠. Your 17 points puts you in the Medium range where you make a jump. So you bid 3 ♠ and partner bids 4 ♠.

**Deal 11**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

11  
4 5  
20

West

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A 10 2  
♥ K 7 5 2  
♦ 7 4 3  
♣ A 9 7



♠ 6  
♥ A Q J 9 8  
♦ A K 8 5  
♣ K Q J

North

3 ♥  
5 ♥  
Pass

East

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

South

1 ♥  
4 NT  
6 ♥

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2 ♣. So you open 1 ♥ and partner responds 3 ♥. Now what?

You might bid 4 ♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4 NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid?

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6 ♥.

**Deal 12**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ J

♦ 10 2

♣ Q J 7 5 4

6  
9 6  
19

*West*

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 8 6

♦ A Q 8 5

♣ 6 3 2



♠ K 5

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ K 6 3

♣ A 10 8

*North*

2 ♥

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 ♥

4 ♥

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2 ♥ and he promptly raises to 4 ♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.

**Deal 13**

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

♠ A Q J 10 9 3	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">         N W      E S       </div>	♠ K 6 5
♥ —		♥ A J 6
♦ 7		♦ 10 9 6 3 2
♣ A J 10 7 5 2		♣ Q 9

	♠ 7 4 2
6	♥ K 10 7 4 2
12 10	♦ A Q 4
12	♣ K 3

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

When you have a weak, distributional hand with 5 of partner's suit an immediate jump to game is usually the best approach. If he has a good hand you will probably make the contract. If he is minimum then you might get a preemptive effect and stop your LHO from entering the bidding.

This is a good example. Partner may be lucky and make 4 ♥. But if they had had an opportunity to compete the opponents might well be able to make 4 ♠.

**Deal 14**

♠ A K 9 7 2

South Deals ♥ Q 5

None Vul ♦ 7 4 2

♣ 10 6 5

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4

♥ 9

♦ 9 5

♣ A J 9 4



♠ J

♥ 10 6 4 2

♦ K 10 8 6

♣ K Q 8 2

♠ 3

♥ A K J 8 7 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 3

9  
7 9  
15

West	North	East	South
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			1 ♥
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Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass

Pass  
4 ♥ by South

You can't support partner's ♥s with only 2 of them so you bid your nice ♠ suit. Partner then jumps to 3 ♥. Now what do you bid?

Here's where a lot of players go wrong. Since they only promised 4 ♠s with their first response they think they should now rebid them to show partner they had 5. And this MIGHT work if it turns out partner has 3 ♠s. Not only is this a risky bid, it is unnecessary. When partner jump rebid ♥s he showed 16-18 points and 6 ♥s. So you know of an 8-card fit and you know you should be in game. Bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 15**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
6 5  
16

♠ K J 7 2  
♥ 8 5  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ A K Q 5



♠ A Q 10 9 3  
♥ A 9 2  
♦ K Q J 3  
♣ 4

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠
ALL	Pass		
6 ♠ by South			

As soon as partner opens 1 ♠ you know you will settle for nothing less than the ♠ game. The problem with bidding 4 ♠ right now is that partner will take you for the "weak-distributional-with-five-trumps" hand. So you temporize by first bidding 2 ♣. Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say now?

You now jump to 4 ♠, completing the picture of an opening hand with good ♠ support. Partner bids 4 NT. What say you?

This is Blackwood so you answer 5 ♦ for one Ace. Partner says 6 ♠.

**Deal 16**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 10 8

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ 8

♠ Q 9 2

♥ J

♦ 7 3 2

♣ A K 9 7 5 3



♠ J 6 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ A 8 5 4

♣ 6 4 2

♠ 7 5

♥ A K 10 7 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

9  
10 7  
14

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥

4 ♥ by South

You could bid 1♠. Many would do so, thinking "I have to show partner my ♠ suit."

In fact, you don't have to show partner your ♠ suit. You already know of a partnership 9-card fit in ♥s, so there is no reason to search for a possible 8-card fit in ♠s.

With 11 points and 4 trumps you bid 3♥, a limit raise. Partner raises to game.

**Deal 17**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 7	♠ A 9 6 2	♠ J 5 4 3
♥ 9 8 3 2	♥ A K J 7 4	♥ 10 5
♦ A K 8 4 3 2	♦ 10 5	♦ 7
♣ Q 8	♣ 7 3	♣ K J 10 5 4 2
	♠ K Q 10 8	
	♥ Q 6	
	♦ Q J 9 6	
	♣ A 9 6	

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

You MIGHT jump to 2 NT to "show your points". However, a notrump bid now would deny a 4-card ♠ suit. Instead, your priority is to show that Major, so you respond 1 ♠. Partner bids 2 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would not support a response which might be 4 cards unless he had 4 himself. Knowing that you have two opening hands facing each other, each containing 4 ♠s, you bid the ♠ game.

**Deal 18**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 8 6

♥ J 7 6

♦ Q J 7 6

♣ 9 6

♠ J 3 2

♥ A 10 5

♦ 8

♣ K 10 8 4 3 2



♠ 4

♥ 9 8 4 3 2

♦ A 9 4 3 2

♣ Q 5

♠ A 10 9 7 5

♥ K Q

♦ K 10 5

♣ A J 7

9  
8 6  
17

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

With 4-card support you respond 2 ♠. Partner raises to 3 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner's bid is an invitation. You have told him you have 6-10 points and he probably has about 17-18. If you are at the high end of your 6-T he wants you to bid game, at the low end he wants you to pass. You actually have T, definitely high end, so you bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 19**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ K Q 8 6  
♥ J 7 6  
♦ J 7 6  
♣ 9 6 5

♠ J 3 2  
♥ A 10 9 5  
♦ 10 5 4  
♣ K J 7



♠ 4  
♥ 8 4 3 2  
♦ K Q 9 8 2  
♣ A 8 2

7  
9 9  
15

♠ A 10 9 7 5  
♥ K Q  
♦ A 3  
♣ Q 10 4 3

West North East South

			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3 ♠ by South

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2 ♠. Partner now bids 3 ♣. What do you bid next?

Again partner is inviting you to bid game. He wants you to bid it if you are at the top of your 6-T range, and he wants you to particularly promote any Help you can give him in ♣s.

You are at the bottom of your range and you have no help in ♣s, so you just return to ♠s. Partner passes.

**Deal 20**

South Deals ♠ 9 3  
 None Vul ♥ Q 10 6  
 ♦ K Q 10 3

♣ 9 6 5 4 ♠ J  
 ♠ Q 10 8 7 6 5 ♥ 9 7 4 2  
 ♥ 8 ♦ A 9 6 5  
 ♦ 8 4 ♣ K Q 7 2  
 ♣ A J 8 3

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

Your only reasonable response is 2 ♥.  
 Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

With 8 points you are right in the middle of the 6-10 points you promised. So you could either accept partner's invitation or decline it. BUT, he said you should particularly look at any Help you could provide in ♦s. Since you have lots of good stuff in that suit you upgrade your 8 points and bid 4 ♥.