

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q
♥ A 8 4 2
♦ 10 9 7 5 3 2
♣ Q 6

11
8 8
13

West

Pass

Pass

4♥ by North

♠ 6 2
♥ K 9 7 3
♦ A 8 4
♣ A 9 8 3



♠ A 9 7 5 3
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ K Q J
♣ 7

North

2♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1♠

4♥

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 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 6
 ♥ K 8 7 3
 ♦ A 9 7
 ♣ 10 8 5 4

10
 9 15
 6

West

♠ J 8

♥ 10 6

♦ 8 4 3 2

♣ A K Q 9 3

W N
 S E

♠ 9 4 2

♥ A 9 4 2

♦ J 6 5

♣ J 6 2

North

♠ A K 10 7 5 3

♥ Q J 5

♦ K Q 10

♣ 7

*East**South*

1 ♠

Pass

1 NT

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by East

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 3

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

N
W E
S

♠ 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 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 5

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ K 6 3

♣ A 10 8

9
19 6
6

West

1 ♥

4 ♥

4 ♥ by West

♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ J

♦ 10 2

♣ Q J 7 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ Q 3 2

♥ 9 4 3 2

♦ J 9 7 4

♣ K 9

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 8 6

♦ A Q 8 5

♣ 6 3 2

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.