

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 7 4 3**♥ J 6****♦ 9 3****♣ Q 8 7 3****♠ A 6****♥ K Q 10 8****♦ 7 4 2****♣ A K 6 5****♠ K 9 8 5 2****♥ A 9 4 3 2****♦ 10 5****♣ 9****16
5 12
7***West**North**East**South*

1 ♦

2 ♦

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass
4 ♥ by North

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Partner has 5 of each Major suit so you know of a good 9-card ♥ fit. You have a nice hand and must decide between inviting with 3 ♥ or bidding the game on your own. You decide to bid the game so you say 4 ♥ and everybody passes.

Deal 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 3
♥ A K
♦ A Q 6 3
♣ 10 8 5 3

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♠ K J 10 9 8 2
♥ 7 2
♦ 10 9
♣ A K 2

♠ 4
♥ 6
♦ K 8 7 5 2
♣ Q J 9 7 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ Q 6 5
♥ Q J 10 9 8 5 4 3
♦ J 4
♣ —

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
5 ♣ by East			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

This is a really good hand for Unusual Notrump. You bid 2 NT and partner says 3 ♠. What do you say now?

Partner apparently has a big hand. His cue-bid is forcing, and probably means he wants to be in game. But for now you can just show your minimum strength and give a suit preference. You bid 4 ♣ and partner raises to 5 ♣.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 7 5 3

♥ A 9 8 4 2

♦ K 5

♣ 4

10
10 6
14

♠ K 9 2

♥ 10 7 5

♦ 6 3

♣ A Q J 3 2


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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass	Pass

Pass

3 ♣ by South

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Many times at Bridge you want to fight for the contract. This isn't one of them. With 6 HCP and only four cards total in partner's two suits just let the opponents have it. You pass.

Deal 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7	♦ A K J 4	♥ A 10 8 4	♣ 5
♥ 6 2		♦ K Q 3 2	
♦ A 6 4		♣ 5	
♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3		♠ Q 10 6 5 2	
	♠ 9 8 3	♥ K Q 9 7 3	
13 17 8	♦ J 5	♦ 7	
2	♦ J 10 9 8 5	♣ J 9	
	♣ 10 6 2		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♦	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
3♣ by West			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With two 5-card Majors of course you bid 2♦. Partner responds 3♣. What do you say now?

This wasn't according to your script. Partner was supposed to choose a Major. The reason he didn't, of course, is that he didn't like either one and figured you would be better in ♣s. So you pass.

Deal 5East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
 ♥ K J 2
 ♦ A J 8 5 4
 ♣ J 8 3

6
 14 12
 8

♠ Q 8 7 4

♥ 10 6 5
 ♦ 7

♣ A 9 7 5 2

W	N
S	E

♠ 9 3
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ K Q 10 9 3
 ♣ K Q 6 4

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♦	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♠ by North			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You don't have a great hand but you DO have 4 ♠s. So don't let the opponents have a 3-level contract when your side has 9 ♠s. Bid 3 ♠.

Note: See the Law of Total Tricks Lesson on this topic.

Deal 6

East Deals	♠ A 6
E-W Vul	♥ K Q 10 8
	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ A K 6 5
♠ Q 10 7 4 3	♠ J
♥ J 6	♥ 7 5
♦ 9 3	♦ A K Q J 8 6
♣ Q 8 7 3	♣ J 10 4 2
16 5 12 7	♠ K 9 8 5 2 ♥ A 9 4 3 2 ♦ 10 5 ♣ 9

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 10 9 8 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 10 9

♣ A K 2

♠ A 7 3

♥ A K

♦ A Q 6 3

♣ 10 8 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ 4

♥ 6

♦ K 8 7 5 2

♣ Q J 9 7 6 4

♠ Q 6 5

11
17 6

♥ Q J 10 9 8 5 4 3

♦ J 4

♣ —

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 2
♥ 10 7 5
♦ 6 3
♣ A Q J 3 2

♠ Q J 7 5 3
♥ A 9 8 4 2
♦ K 5
♣ 4

10
10 **6**
14



♠ 10 4
♥ J 6
♦ Q 10 9 7 4 2
♣ K 6 5

♠ A 8 6
♥ K Q 3
♦ A J 8
♣ 10 9 8 7

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K J 4

♥ A 10 8 4

♦ K Q 3 2

♣ 5

♠ 7

♥ 6 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3



♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ K Q 9 7 3

♦ 7

♣ J 9

♠ 9 8 3

♥ J 5

♦ J 10 9 8 5

♣ 10 6 2

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13 8
2

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 8 7 4

♥ 10 6 5

♦ 7

♣ A 9 7 5 2

♠ A 6

♥ K J 2

♦ A J 8 5 4

♣ J 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 9 3

♥ Q 8

♦ K Q 10 9 3

♣ K Q 6 4

♠ K J 10 5 2

♥ A 9 7 4 3

♦ 6 2

♣ 10

6
14 12
8

Deal 11

	♠ A 6
South Deals	♥ K Q 10 8
None Vul	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ A K 6 5
♠ Q 10 7 4 3	♠ J
♥ J 6	♥ 7 5
♦ 9 3	♦ A K Q J 8 6
♣ Q 8 7 3	♣ J 10 4 2
	♠ K 9 8 5 2
16 5 12 7	♥ A 9 4 3 2 ♦ 10 5 ♣ 9



Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 10 9 8 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 10 9

♣ A K 2

♠ A 7 3

♥ A K

♦ A Q 6 3

♣ 10 8 5 3

W N E S

♠ 4

♥ 6

♦ K 8 7 5 2

♣ Q J 9 7 6 4

♠ Q 6 5

17 11 6
6

♥ Q J 10 9 8 5 4 3

♦ J 4

♣ —

Deal 13

North Deals ♠ K 9 2
Both Vul ♥ 10 7 5
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ A Q J 3 2

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

10 ♠ A 8 6
10 6 ♥ K Q 3
14 ♦ A J 8
 ♣ 10 9 8 7



Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 4

♥ A 10 8 4

♦ K Q 3 2

♣ 5

♠ 7

♥ 6 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3



♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ K Q 9 7 3

♦ 7

♣ J 9

♠ 9 8 3

♥ J 5

♦ J 10 9 8 5

♣ 10 6 2

17
13 8
2

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 8 7 4

♥ 10 6 5

♦ 7

♣ A 9 7 5 2

♠ A 6

♥ K J 2

♦ A J 8 5 4

♣ J 8 3



♠ K J 10 5 2

♥ A 9 7 4 3

♦ 6 2

♣ 10

6

14 12

8

Deal 16

West Deals	♠ A 6
E-W Vul	♥ K Q 10 8
	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ A K 6 5
♠ Q 10 7 4 3	♠ J
♥ J 6	♥ 7 5
♦ 9 3	♦ A K Q J 8 6
♣ Q 8 7 3	♣ J 10 4 2
16 5 12 7	♠ K 9 8 5 2 ♥ A 9 4 3 2 ♦ 10 5 ♣ 9



Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 9 8 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 10 9

♣ A K 2

♠ A 7 3

♥ A K

♦ A Q 6 3

♣ 10 8 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ 4

♥ 6

♦ K 8 7 5 2

♣ Q J 9 7 6 4

♠ Q 6 5

11
17 6

♥ Q J 10 9 8 5 4 3

♦ J 4

♣ —

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 9 2

♥ 10 7 5

♦ 6 3

♣ A Q J 3 2

♠ Q J 7 5 3

♥ A 9 8 4 2

♦ K 5

♣ 4

**10
10 6
14**

♠ 10 4

♥ J 6

♦ Q 10 9 7 4 2

♣ K 6 5

♠ A 8 6

♥ K Q 3

♦ A J 8

♣ 10 9 8 7

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K J 4

♥ A 10 8 4

♦ K Q 3 2

♣ 5

♠ 7

♥ 6 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3



♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ K Q 9 7 3

♦ 7

♣ J 9

♠ 9 8 3

♥ J 5

♦ J 10 9 8 5

♣ 10 6 2

17
13 8
2

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 8 7 4

♥ 10 6 5

♦ 7

♣ A 9 7 5 2

♠ A 6

♥ K J 2

♦ A J 8 5 4

♣ J 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 9 3

♥ Q 8

♦ K Q 10 9 3

♣ K Q 6 4

♠ K J 10 5 2

♥ A 9 7 4 3

♦ 6 2

♣ 10

6
14 12
8

Deal 21

North Deals	♠ A 6
N-S Vul	♥ K Q 10 8
	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ A K 6 5
♠ Q 10 7 4 3	♠ J
♥ J 6	♥ 7 5
♦ 9 3	♦ A K Q J 8 6
♣ Q 8 7 3	♣ J 10 4 2
16 5 12 7	♠ K 9 8 5 2 ♥ A 9 4 3 2 ♦ 10 5 ♣ 9



Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 10 9 8 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 10 9

♣ A K 2

♠ A 7 3

♥ A K

♦ A Q 6 3

♣ 10 8 5 3

W N
S E

♠ 4

♥ 6

♦ K 8 7 5 2

♣ Q J 9 7 6 4

11
17 6

♠ Q 6 5

♥ Q J 10 9 8 5 4 3

♦ J 4

♣ —

Deal 23

South Deals	♠ K 9 2
Both Vul	♥ 10 7 5
	♦ 6 3
	♣ A Q J 3 2
♠ Q J 7 5 3	♠ 10 4
♥ A 9 8 4 2	♥ J 6
♦ K 5	♦ Q 10 9 7 4 2
♣ 4	♣ K 6 5
10 10 6 14	♠ A 8 6 ♥ K Q 3 ♦ A J 8 ♣ 10 9 8 7



Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 4

♥ A 10 8 4

♦ K Q 3 2

♣ 5

♠ 7

♥ 6 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3



♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ K Q 9 7 3

♦ 7

♣ J 9

♠ 9 8 3

♥ J 5

♦ J 10 9 8 5

♣ 10 6 2

17

13 8

2

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 8 7 4

♥ 10 6 5

♦ 7

♣ A 9 7 5 2

♠ A 6

♥ K J 2

♦ A J 8 5 4

♣ J 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 9 3

♥ Q 8

♦ K Q 10 9 3

♣ K Q 6 4

♠ K J 10 5 2

♥ A 9 7 4 3

♦ 6 2

♣ 10

6
14 12
8

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K Q 10 8
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K 6 5

♠ Q 10 7 4 3
♥ J 6
♦ 9 3
♣ Q 8 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ J
♥ 7 5
♦ A K Q J 8 6
♣ J 10 4 2

16
5 12
7

♠ K 9 8 5 2
♥ A 9 4 3 2
♦ 10 5
♣ 9

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 9 8 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 10 9

♣ A K 2

♠ A 7 3

♥ A K

♦ A Q 6 3

♣ 10 8 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ 4

♥ 6

♦ K 8 7 5 2

♣ Q J 9 7 6 4

♠ Q 6 5

♥ Q J 10 9 8 5 4 3

♦ J 4

♣ —

11
17 6

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♦ K5

♣ 4

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10
14**

♠ K92

♥ 1075

♦ 63

♣ AQJ32

♠ QJ753

♥ A9842

♦ K5

♣ 4



♠ A86

♥ KQ3

♦ AJ8

♣ 10987

♠ 104

♥ J6

♦ Q109742

♣ K65

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K J 4

♥ A 10 8 4

♦ K Q 3 2

♣ 5

♠ 7

♥ 6 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3



♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ K Q 9 7 3

♦ 7

♣ J 9

♠ 9 8 3

♥ J 5

♦ J 10 9 8 5

♣ 10 6 2

17
13 8
2

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 7 4

♥ 10 6 5

♦ 7

♣ A 9 7 5 2

♠ A 6

♥ K J 2

♦ A J 8 5 4

♣ J 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 9 3

♥ Q 8

♦ K Q 10 9 3

♣ K Q 6 4

♠ K J 10 5 2

♥ A 9 7 4 3

♦ 6 2

♣ 10

6
14 12
8

Deal 31

South Deals	♠ A 6
N-S Vul	♥ K Q 10 8
	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ A K 6 5
♠ Q 10 7 4 3	♠ J
♥ J 6	♥ 7 5
♦ 9 3	♦ A K Q J 8 6
♣ Q 8 7 3	♣ J 10 4 2
16 5 12 7	♠ K 9 8 5 2 ♥ A 9 4 3 2 ♦ 10 5 ♣ 9



Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 10 9 8 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 10 9

♣ A K 2

♠ A 7 3

♥ A K

♦ A Q 6 3

♣ 10 8 5 3

♠ 4

♥ 6

♦ K 8 7 5 2

♣ Q J 9 7 6 4

N
W E
S11
17 6♠ Q 6 5
♥ Q J 10 9 8 5 4 3
♦ J 4
♣ —

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 2

♥ 10 7 5

♦ 6 3

♣ A Q J 3 2

♠ Q J 7 5 3

♥ A 9 8 4 2

♦ K 5

♣ 4

♠ 10 4

♥ J 6

♦ Q 10 9 7 4 2

♣ K 6 5

**10
10 6
14**

♠ A 8 6

♥ K Q 3

♦ A J 8

♣ 10 9 8 7

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K J 4

♥ A 10 8 4

♦ K Q 3 2

♣ 5

♠ 7

♥ 6 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3



♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ K Q 9 7 3

♦ 7

♣ J 9

♠ 9 8 3

♥ J 5

♦ J 10 9 8 5

♣ 10 6 2

17
13 8
2

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 8 7 4

♥ 10 6 5

♦ 7

♣ A 9 7 5 2

♠ A 6

♥ K J 2

♦ A J 8 5 4

♣ J 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 9 3

♥ Q 8

♦ K Q 10 9 3

♣ K Q 6 4

♠ K J 10 5 2

♥ A 9 7 4 3

♦ 6 2

♣ 10

6

14 12

8