

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

16  
 8 10  
 6

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



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

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

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

With 17 points you have a perfect hand for a Reverse. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner then says 3 ♣. What do you say?

Partner's return to your ♣ suit shows he has fewer than 9 points. Although it is possible to devise a hand for him where your side could make 3 NT, the risk is too great.

So you pass. It's a good thing, too.

**Deal 2**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 3  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ A K 6 4  
 ♣ A K 9 8 3

9  
 16 5  
 10

*West*

1 ♣

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥ by East

♠ K 9

♥ A 10 5 2

♦ J 9 7 5

♣ J 10 4



♠ A Q 6 4 2

♥ 6 3

♦ Q 10 2

♣ Q 5 2

*North*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*East*

1 ♥

2 ♥

*South*

Pass

Pass

You have 7 points, and basically nothing but s♥. You must make a minimum bid, and the only reasonable one is 2 ♥. Despite his 17 points, partner passes.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

7  
 6 10  
 17

♠ A K 8 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 10 9 8

♣ 7 6 5 4



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

♠ 7

♥ A Q J 9

♦ K Q J 7 6 4

♣ A 3

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

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♦

5 ♦ by South

You have an ideal hand for a Reverse, so you bid 2 ♥.

Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand, but at least he came up with a preference for ♦s.

There are no guarantees here, but you should probably try 5 ♦.

**Deal 4**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6

♥ K J 9 5 3

♦ 9 8 7 4

♣ A 4 2

♠ K Q 9 7 4 3

♥ 8 7 2

♦ K 5

♣ 10 3



♠ J 5

♥ A 10

♦ A Q J 3

♣ K Q 9 8 6

♠ A 10 8 2

♥ Q 6 4

♦ 10 6 2

♣ J 7 5

8

8 17

7

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by West

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. With your ♥ stopper you might be considering 3NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4♠.

Be very glad that you did. 3NT would go down with a ♥ opening lead while 4♠ is cold.