

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
 ♥ J 6 5 4 3 2
 ♦ J 7 3
 ♣ K 4 2

16
 5 3
 16

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ 10 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5



♠ Q J 10 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A Q 4

♣ A J 9

North

4 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

6 NT

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

You open 1 NT and partner jumps to 4 NT.

This is the threequel to 4 and 5. With a "good 16" points you accept the invitation and bid 6 NT.

As you might expect, this time the slam is not so certain, but there is a good chance. If either Minor suit finesse works you can make 12 tricks.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 6

♥ Q 5

♦ A J 7 4

♣ K 10 9 6

♠ A J 10 9 8 2

♥ —

♦ Q 9 6 5

♣ Q J 7



♠ 5 4

♥ A K 8 4 2

♦ 10 8 2

♣ A 8 3

♠ 7 3

♥ J 10 9 7 6 3

♦ K 3

♣ 5 4 2

15
10 11
4

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by South

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

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

Surprise - you open 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next? (no transfers in this lesson)

Pass. Partner has long ♥s (probably 6) and short points (fewer than 9). He has decided that 2 ♥ will be a better spot than 1 NT. Trust him.

Deal 3

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 7 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ K 10 6
♣ Q J 2

9
6 8
17

♠ J 8
♥ Q J 10 7 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ A 7 3



♠ K Q 6
♥ K 5
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

♠ A 5 3
♥ A 9 6 4
♦ 9 8 2
♣ 8 5 4

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

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

You open 1 NT and partner replies 3 ♥. What do you say next?

With this bidding method, partner's bid shows at least 10 points and exactly 5 ♥s. He expects you to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♥. Since you have just a doubleton in ♥s you choose 3 NT.

NOTE: Jacoby Transfers are very useful for this type of hand.

Deal 4

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 2
♥ J 9 7 4 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 8 4 3

17
5 9
9

West

♠ K Q 6
♥ K 5
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6



♠ J 10 9 7 3
♥ A 8 2
♦ 6 2
♣ A 7 5

North

♠ 8 5 4
♥ Q 10 6
♦ K J 10 5
♣ Q J 2

*East**South*

Pass

Pass

Pass 1 NT

Pass

3 ♠

Pass 4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

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

Yes this is exactly the same hand you held in Deal 8. You still open 1 NT. This time partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner shows T+ points and exactly 5 ♠s. This time, with 3-card support, you choose game in ♠s, knowing there is an 8-card fit.

Deal 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 5 3

♥ A 9 5 2

♦ 9 3

♣ Q 7 2

13
6 6

15

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ A 10 9

♥ 8 3

♦ A K J 10 8 2

♣ J 8



♠ K Q 6

♥ K Q 4

♦ Q 7 4

♣ K 10 9 6

North

3 ♦

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

3 NT

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

You open 1 NT and partner says 3 ♦. It's your bid.

Partner has a great hand. A jump to 3 in a Minor suit almost always shows slam interest. But that's partner with interest, not you. You couldn't have a more minimum 1 NT opening bid.

So you just return to 3 NT. Partner gives up and passes.