

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 6 5 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ Q 8 5

♣ 6 2

18
6 9
7

♠ A K

♥ 5 2

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ A K 10 7 4



♠ 10 7 4

♥ K J 9 8

♦ K 7 3

♣ 9 8 5

♠ J 8 2

♥ A 10 6 3

♦ J 10 9

♣ Q J 3

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

1 ♣

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♣ by North

You would really love to pass. You have a terrible hand and you like the ♦s better than the ♣s.

But you are forced to bid. And since partner has 5 ♣s and only 4 ♦s, you should take him back to his first suit.

Mercifully he passes.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

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

8
 16 11
 5

West

1 ♦

2 ♥

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ 7 5 4 2

♦ A 6

♣ 4 3 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ 8 3 2

♥ J 10 9

♦ 7 3 2

♣ A 8 6 5

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

When partner shows 17+ points with his Reverse you are sure you belong in game. Since he did not support your ♠s you know he doesn't have four of them. You also know you have an 8-card fit in ♦s, but surely nine tricks in Notrump will be easier than eleven in ♦s.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 8 7
 ♥ J 9 4
 ♦ A 4 2
 ♣ 9 5

6
 10 8
 16

♠ Q 5 2
 ♥ A 8 6 3
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ 8 4 3



♠ 6 3
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ K Q J 6
 ♣ A K 10 7 2

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

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

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 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 6 4 2

♥ 6 3

♦ Q 10 2

♣ Q 5 2

♠ 10 8 5

♥ K Q 9 8 7 4

♦ 8 3

♣ 7 6



♠ J 7 3

♥ J

♦ A K 6 4

♣ A K 9 8 3

♠ K 9

♥ A 10 5 2

♦ J 9 7 5

♣ J 10 4

10
5 16
9

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

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥ by West

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 5

North Deals

None Vul

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

17
 10 6
 7

West

North

East

South

	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

5 ♦ by North

♠ 7

♥ A Q J 9

♦ K Q J 7 6 4

♣ A 3



♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 5 3

♦ 5 3 2

♣ K Q 10 9

♠ A K 8 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 10 9 8

♣ 7 6 5 4

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 6

West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 5
♥ A 10
♦ A Q J 3
♣ K Q 9 8 6

7
17 8
8

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠ by East			

♠ A 10 8 2

♥ Q 6 4

♦ 10 6 2

♣ J 7 5



♠ 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

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.