

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 3

♥ J 5

♦ J 10 9 8 5

♣ 10 6 2

13  
2 17  
8

*West*

Pass

Pass

3 ♣ by North

♠ 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

*North*

3 ♣

*East*

1 ♦

Pass

*South*

2 ♦

Pass

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 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 5 2

♥ A 9 7 4 3

♦ 6 2

♣ 10

14  
8 6  
12

West

2 ♦

Pass

3 ♠ by East

♠ A 6

♥ K J 2

♦ A J 8 5 4

♣ J 8 3



♠ 9 3

♥ Q 8

♦ K Q 10 9 3

♣ K Q 6 4

North

3 ♦

Pass

East

3 ♠

♠ Q 8 7 4

♥ 10 6 5

♦ 7

♣ A 9 7 5 2

South

1 ♦

Pass

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.