

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

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

If you thought you couldn't bid 1 ♠ because it would have been a Reverse just think again.

A Reverse is when you bid a higher-ranking second suit at the 2-level. This is just normal bidding of suits up the line.

Partner now takes control and bids the ♠ game.

Deal 2

South Deals	♠ K Q 8 3
None Vul	♥ Q J
	♦ K J 6
	♣ J 10 9 7

♠ J 6 4
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 8 7 3 2
♣ A 6 4

13	♠ 10 7 2
5 8	♥ A K 9 4
14	♦ Q 5 4
	♣ K Q 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	ALL	Pass
3 NT by South			

N		E
W		S
♠ A 9 5	♥ 10 7 6 5 3	♦ A 9
♣ 8 3 2		

Don't bid 2 ♥. That would be a Reverse, showing at least 17 points. A 2 ♥ bid would also show longer ♣s than ♥s. Don't bid 2 ♠. That would be showing 4-card support.

So with your minimum hand you bid 1 NT which partner raises to 3 NT.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 7 5
 ♥ A J 5 3
 ♦ A 9 7 4
 ♣ Q 4 3

6
 11 7
 16

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 10 9 4
 ♥ K 10 9 6
 ♦ 10 8 2
 ♣ 9 5

♠ A Q 8 6 2
 ♥ 7 4 2
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ J 10 8

♠ J 3
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ K Q J 5
 ♣ A K 7 6 2

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

At your first turn you bid your ♥ suit, up-the-line. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You only have 7 points, but partner Reversed so you cannot pass. You need to make a bid to show your minimum, and you cannot support either of partner's suits, nor can you rebid your ♥s.

However, you also cannot bid your ♠ suit. That would be fourth-suit-forcing, and would show a game forcing hand of 9 or more points.

Instead you bid 2 NT. Partner has a bare 17 so he passes.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 7 3
 ♥ J 6 4
 ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ 7 5 4

♠ K Q 9 8 6 5
 ♥ K 8 2
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ K 10

	N		E	
W				S
	4 2		9 7 5 3	
	♦ 9 8 7 4			
	♣ A 3 2			

♠ J
 ♠ 11
 8 4
 ♠ 17
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ Q J 9 8 6

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

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. You don't have ♠ support but you do have good ♥ stoppers so you bid 3 NT.