

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 6 5  
♥ A J 6  
♦ 10 9 6 3 2  
♣ Q 9

12  
10 12  
6

West

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 7 4 2

♥ K 10 7 4 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ K 3



♠ 8

♥ Q 9 8 5 3

♦ K J 8 5

♣ 8 6 4

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

♠ A Q J 10 9 3

♥ —

♦ 7

♣ A J 10 7 5 2

When you have a weak, distributional hand with 5 of partner's suit an immediate jump to game is usually the best approach. If he has a good hand you will probably make the contract. If he is minimum then you might get a preemptive effect and stop your LHO from entering the bidding.

This is a good example. Partner may be lucky and make 4 ♥. But if they had had an opportunity to compete the opponents might well be able to make 4 ♠.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 10 6 5

9  
9 15  
7

West

1 ♠

4 ♥

4 ♥ by East

♠ J

♥ 10 6 4 2

♦ K 10 8 6

♣ K Q 8 2

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4

♥ 9

♦ 9 5

♣ A J 9 4

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

You can't support partner's ♥s with only 2 of them so you bid your nice ♠ suit. Partner then jumps to 3 ♥. Now what do you bid?

Here's where a lot of players go wrong. Since they only promised 4 ♠s with their first response they think they should now rebid them to show partner they had 5. And this MIGHT work if it turns out partner has 3 ♠s. Not only is this a risky bid, it is unnecessary. When partner jump rebid ♥s he showed 16-18 points and 6 ♥s. So you know of an 8-card fit and you know you should be in game. Bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 5 4  
♥ K Q 7  
♦ 9  
♣ J 9 8 6 3 2

13  
6 5  
16

*West*

♠ K J 7 2  
♥ 8 5  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ A K Q 5



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

*North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

4 NT

ALL

Pass

6 ♠

6 ♠ by South

As soon as partner opens 1 ♠ you know you will settle for nothing less than the ♠ game. The problem with bidding 4 ♠ right now is that partner will take you for the "weak-distributional-with-five-trumps" hand. So you temporize by first bidding 2 ♣. Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say now?

You now jump to 4 ♠, completing the picture of an opening hand with good ♠ support. Partner bids 4 NT. What say you?

This is Blackwood so you answer 5 ♦ for one Ace. Partner says 6 ♠.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5

♥ A K 10 7 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J 10

10

14 9

7

*West*

1 ♥

4 ♥

4 ♥ by West

♠ Q 9 2

♥ J

♦ 7 3 2

♣ A K 9 7 5 3



♠ J 6 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ A 8 5 4

♣ 6 4 2

*North*

Pass

Pass

*East*

3 ♥

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

♠ A K 10 8

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ 8

You could bid 1♠. Many would do so, thinking "I have to show partner my ♠ suit."

In fact, you don't have to show partner your ♠ suit. You already know of a partnership 9-card fit in ♥s, so there is no reason to search for a possible 8-card fit in ♠s.

With 11 points and 4 trumps you bid 3♥, a limit raise. Partner raises to game.