

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4  
♥ Q J 7 5 2  
♦ J 10 9  
♣ J 5

23  
5 5  
7

♠ A K 8 2  
♥ A K 3  
♦ A 4  
♣ K Q 9 4



♠ Q 6 5  
♥ 8 6 4  
♦ K Q 8 6  
♣ 10 8 7

♠ J 10 3  
♥ 10 9  
♦ 7 5 3 2  
♣ A 6 3 2

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

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 23 points you naturally open 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♦. What do you bid next?

You have 23 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 2 NT. Partner raises to 3 NT and you pass.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 6 3  
♥ 10 9 2  
♦ Q J 7 5  
♣ K 5 3 2

2  
6 9  
23

West

Pass

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ 10 8 7 2

♥ Q 5 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 9 7 4



♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A K 9 2

♣ A 10 8

North

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 NT

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 2 points you make a Negative 2 ♦ response to partner's 2 ♣ opener. He now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

This isn't as clear-cut a decision as you might think at first. Partner is showing 22-24 points, and even though you only have 2 points it is possible that the partnership total could be 26. The thing that should convince you to pass is that a 24-2 point split doesn't play nearly as well as say a 13-13 split would. Lack of transportation would likely kill any chance of 3 NT (or 4 ♠). So you pass.

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4  
♥ Q J 7 5 2  
♦ J 10 7  
♣ J 5

26  
5 5  
4

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A K 8 2  
♥ A K 3  
♦ A K  
♣ K Q 9 4



♠ Q 6 5  
♥ 8 6 4  
♦ Q 9 8 6  
♣ 10 8 7

North

2 ♣

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

Pass

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 26 points you naturally open 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♦. What do you bid next?

You have 26 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 3 NT. Everybody passes.

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 6 3  
♥ 10 9 2  
♦ Q J 7 5  
♣ K 5 3 2

4  
6 7  
23

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ J 10 8 2

♥ Q 5 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ J 9 4



♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A K 9 2

♣ A 10 8

♠ A 9 7 4

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ 10 3

♣ Q 7 6

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 4 points you make a Negative 2 ♦ response to partner's 2 ♣ opener. He now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

True, 4 points isn't much. But added to partner's 22-24 it becomes enough for a game. Your problem isn't whether to bid to the game or not, (you definitely will), but whether you should use Stayman to find out if there is a 4-4 ♠ fit. You decide not to do this because your 4-3-3-3 distribution removes the possibility of you getting any ruffs. So you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 9 6 4 2

♥ —

♦ 10 6

♣ K 8 5 2

17  
10 9  
4

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ —

♥ A K Q J 8 6 4 3

♦ A 5

♣ Q J 4



♠ K 8 7 3

♥ 9 2

♦ J 8 7 4 2

♣ 10 3

North

2 ♣

2 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

2 NT

Pass

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You only have 20 points, but you have 9 playing tricks. You have two choices, open 4 ♥ or open 2 ♣. Usually 4 ♥ would show a slightly weaker hand than this, so you bid 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♦. What do you bid next?

Of course you bid your 8-card suit. But no jumping, just bid 2 ♥. Partner now says 2 NT. What do you bid next?

Partner has between 3 and 7 points. Somewhere in those points might be the one trick you need, but you don't have any scientific way of finding out. So just bid 4 ♥ and hope. (There it is, the ♣T.)