

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 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 8 3
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ K J 6
 ♣ J 10 9 7

8
 13 14
 5

♠ A 9 5
 ♥ 10 7 6 5 3
 ♦ A 9
 ♣ 8 3 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ 10 7 2
 ♥ A K 9 4
 ♦ Q 5 4
 ♣ K Q 5

♠ J 6 4
 ♥ 8 2
 ♦ 10 8 7 3 2
 ♣ A 6 4

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

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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 NT by South			

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 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ J
 ♥ A Q 10
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ Q J 9 8 6

♠ 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

♠ 4 2
 ♥ 9 7 5 3
 ♦ 9 8 7 4
 ♣ A 3 2

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

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.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 4 3 2

♥ 7 2

♦ K J 2

♣ 9 5 2

♠ 6

♥ A K Q 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ A Q J 10 3



♠ J 7

♥ J 9 3

♦ A Q 10 7 5

♣ 8 6 4

♠ A Q 9 8 5

¹⁶
 7 8
 9

♥ 10 8 6 5

♦ 8 4

♣ K 7

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

With his Reverse, partner has shown at least 17 points and at least 4 ♥s.

You could fall back on the guidelines and say that with 10 points you need to make a positive bid at this time, but it is simpler to just rely on "SHE WHO KNOWS, GOES."

Since you know of an 8-card ♥ fit and at least 27 points you bid 4 ♥.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 5
♥ 8 2
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ J 10 8 4

8
7 17
8

West
2 ♠
Pass
4 ♠ by East

♠ 3
♥ Q 9 5 3
♦ 10 8 7 4
♣ A Q 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 6 4
♥ A K J 7 6
♦ K 6
♣ 5

♠ A 9 8 2
♥ 10 4
♦ J 9 2
♣ K 9 7 6

North East South
1 ♠ Pass Pass

Pass Pass

You are the dealer.

It may be tempting to open 1 ♥, planning on Reversing in ♠ at your second turn to show your big hand.

Don't. A Reverse should always show an unbalanced hand with the first suit longer. So you open 1 ♠ and partner replies 2 ♠.

What do you bid?

If you had opened 1 ♥ partner would have replied 1 NT. Then when you Reversed with 2 ♠ he would have assumed you had a 4-card ♠ suit and would probably have put you back in ♥s, your known 5-card suit.

Things would have gotten confusing, to say the least.

Deal 7

South Deals	♠ 10 7 4
None Vul	♥ K J 9 8
	♦ K 7 3
	♣ 9 8 5
♠ J 8 2	♠ Q 9 6 5 3
♥ A 10 6 3	♥ Q 7 4
♦ J 10 9	♦ Q 8 5
♣ Q J 3	♣ 6 2

9	7	♠ A K
9	6	♥ 5 2
18		♦ A 6 4 2

♣ A K 10 7 4

<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			

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 8

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 5
♥ Q 8
♦ J 9 4
♣ Q J 9 7

5
11 16
8

♠ 8 3 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ 7 3 2
♣ A 8 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ J 7
♥ A K 6 3
♦ K Q 10 8 5
♣ K 10

♠ A 9 6 4
♥ 7 5 4 2
♦ A 6
♣ 4 3 2

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

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 9North Deals
None Vul

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

16
 8 10
 6

♠ 6 3
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ K Q J 6
 ♣ A K 10 7 2



♠ A J 9 8 7
 ♥ J 9 4
 ♦ A 4 2
 ♣ 9 5

♠ Q 5 2
 ♥ A 8 6 3
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ 8 4 3

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

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 10

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 3
 ♥ J
 ♦ A K 6 4
 ♣ A K 9 8 3

9
 16 5
 10

♠ K 9
 ♥ A 10 5 2
 ♦ J 9 7 5
 ♣ J 10 4



♠ 10 8 5
 ♥ K Q 9 8 7 4
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ 7 6

♠ A Q 6 4 2
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ Q 10 2
 ♣ Q 5 2

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

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 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ Q 10 5 3

♥ K 10 8 6 4

♦ A

♣ J 8 2

♠ 7

♥ A Q J 9

♦ K Q J 7 6 4

♣ A 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

5 ♦ by South

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 12

East Deals	♠ 6
None Vul	♥ K J 9 5 3
	♦ 9 8 7 4
	♣ A 4 2

♠ K Q 9 7 4 3	♠ J 5
♥ 8 7 2	♥ A 10
♦ K 5	♦ A Q J 3
♣ 10 3	♣ K Q 9 8 6



8	♠ A 10 8 2
8 17	♥ Q 6 4
7	♦ 10 6 2
	♣ J 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♣ by West			

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 3 NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4♣.

Be very glad that you did. 3 NT would go down with a ♥ opening lead while 4♣ is cold.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J
♥ K 8 4
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ K Q J 10 7

♠ K 10 7 5 2**♥ J 9 3****♦ 8 2****♣ 9 4 2****16****4 8****12**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

5 ♦ by North

With partner showing 17 or more points, your 13 brings you to game level. You want to support partner's ♦s but you must jump to show that you have more than 8 points. So you bid 4 ♦ and partner raises it to game.

Deal 14East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 8 3
 ♥ 8 5 2
 ♦ 10 9 5
 ♣ Q J 3

9
 7 14
 10

♠ K Q 7 6
 ♥ 10 9 4 3
 ♦ A 7
 ♣ 5 4 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ 9
 ♥ K Q 7 6
 ♦ K Q 8 4 2
 ♣ A 10 8

♠ J 5 4 2
 ♥ AJ
 ♦ J 6 3
 ♣ K 9 7 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
1 NT by East			

You only have 15 points, not enough to Reverse, so you cannot bid the ♥ suit.

Instead you content yourself with 1 NT.
Partner passes.