

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

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 7 2
♥ Q 5 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ 9 7 4

9
2 23
6

West

2 ♦

Pass

2 NT by East

♠ A J 9 4
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ 10 3
♣ Q J 6



♠ 6 3
♥ 10 9 2
♦ Q J 7 5
♣ K 5 3 2

North

Pass

Pass

♠ K Q 5
♥ A K 6
♦ A K 9 2
♣ A 10 8

East

2 ♣

2 NT

South

Pass

Pass

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 3

♥ 10 9

♦ 5 4 3 2

♣ A 6 3 2

4
5 5
26

♠ Q 6 5

♥ 8 6 4

♦ Q 9 8 6

♣ 10 8 7



♠ A K 8 2

♥ A K 3

♦ A K

♣ K Q 9 4

♠ 9 7 4

♥ Q J 7 5 2

♦ J 10 7

♣ J 5

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT

3 NT by South

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

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 5
♥ A K 6
♦ A K 9 2
♣ A 10 8

6
23 4
7

West	North	East	South
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by West			

♠ 6 3
♥ 10 9 2
♦ Q J 7 5
♣ K 5 3 2



♠ A 9 7 4
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ 10 3
♣ Q 7 6

♠ J 10 8 2
♥ Q 5 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ J 9 4

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.)

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 5
 ♥ K 3
 ♦ Q J 10 9 4
 ♣ 7 5 2

5
 6 21
 8

West

2 ♦

3 ♦

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ J 10 9 6

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ A 6 3

♣ 8 6



♠ Q 3 2

♥ J 5

♦ 8 7 5

♣ A J 9 4 3

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♣

2 ♥

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 7 points you must bid a Negative 2 ♦. Partner now bids 2 ♥. What is your bid?

For someone who made an initial Negative response you have quite a good hand. You can't support partner's ♥s (yet) but you consider jumping to 3 NT. All in all it is better to just describe your hand with a 3 ♦ bid, then wait and see what partner says. You don't have to wait long since he bids 3 NT which you pass.

Deal 7

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 4 2
 ♥ A K Q 2
 ♦ J 6 4
 ♣ 5 2

3
 10 6
 21

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



♠ A Q J 8 3
 ♥ 3
 ♦ K Q 7
 ♣ A K Q 9

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

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

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

With 22 points you should open 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♦. What do you bid next?

You have 22 points and 5-card Major suit. Your rebid is therefore 2 ♠. Partner raises to 4 ♠. His jump to game shows a weaker hand than a 3 ♠ bid would so you pass.

Deal 8

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q
♥ A K 7 5
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K J 10

4
23 6
7

West	North	East	South
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♥ by West			

♠ J 3 2
♥ 9 4
♦ J 9 6 2
♣ Q 8 4 2



♠ 10 9 6 4
♥ 8 6 2
♦ A K 7 3
♣ 6 5

♠ K 8 7 5
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ 10 5
♣ 9 7 3

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You have 6 points and bid a Negative 2 ♦. Partner now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

Partner has a balanced 22-24 points. With your 6 you want to be in game, but which game; 3 NT, 4 ♥ or 4 ♠? You can't answer that question unless you know if partner has a 4-card Major suit. So you bid 3 ♣, which is Stayman in this case. Partner replies 3 ♥. What do you say?

Knowing of the 4-4 fit you bid 4 ♥. By the way: Partner knew your 3 ♣ bid was not the Second Negative because you don't use Second Negative following a 2 NT rebid, you just pass.

Deal 9

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 5 2
 ♥ A 8 7 3 2
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ Q 7 5

5
 8 5
 22

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 NT

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT

3 NT by North

♠ J 9 4 3

♥ 9 6

♦ 9 8 6 3

♣ A 8 2



♠ Q 10 8 7

♥ 5

♦ K 7 4 2

♣ 10 6 4 3

♠ A K

♥ K Q J 10 4

♦ A J 10

♣ K J 9

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

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

You bid your 5-card ♥ suit. Partner says 2 NT.

Partner's 2 NT shows scattered values and fewer than 3 ♥s. He has 3 or more points or he would have bid the Double Negative. So you say 3 NT.

Deal 10

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 8
♥ K Q 10
♦ K Q J 2
♣ A 10 4

5
22 11
2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	6 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
6 NT by East			

♠ 6 5 4 2
♥ J 5 4 3 2
♦ A 8
♣ 8 6



♠ Q 9 3
♥ 8 7
♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ 9 7 5 2

♠ J 10 7
♥ A 9 6
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K Q J 3

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You have 11 points and partner opens 2 ♣. Wow! You answer 2 NT and he bids 3 NT. What is your next bid?

Hmmm, 22-24 balanced, plus 11 balanced equals 33-35 balanced. It makes you think a jump to 6 NT would work out great. Just do it.

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 3 2

♥ K 10 9 2

♦ A K J 10 9

♣ 9 6

1
11 7
21

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by South

♠ 9 8 7 5

♥ 6 4

♦ 8 6 3

♣ J 7 5 2



♠ A Q 10 6 4

♥ A Q 8 5

♦ Q 7

♣ A K

North

2 ♦

3 ♣

3 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With just 1 Jack you bid a Negative 2 ♦. Partner now bids 2 ♠. What is your bid?

Partner's bid of a suit is absolutely forcing, no matter how you feel about it. But now is the time you tell him you have fewer than 3 points by using the Second Negative. You bid 3 ♣. Partner now says 3 ♥. What do you say?

No, you still may not pass. First, because partner's bid of a new suit is forcing. Second, because even if you were not forced you prefer his first suit. So you bid 3 ♠ and he passes.

Deal 12

West Deals
None Vul

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

10
21 0
9

♠ Q J 9 8 4
♥ Q 7 4 3
♦ A J 2
♣ 5



♠ K 10 2
♥ K J 10 9
♦ Q 10 8 6
♣ 9 4

West	North	East	South
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by West			

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With a true Yarborough you qualify to respond a Negative 2 ♦. Partner now bids 3 ♣. What is your bid?

You now inform partner of your disaster hand by using the Second Negative. Since his suit is ♣s the Second Negative is 3 ♦. Partner now says 3 NT. What do you say?

You definitely pass. Good thing he has 9 cold tricks in his hand!

Deal 13

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 5
♥ Q J
♦ 5 4 3
♣ J 10 7 3 2

6
5 5
24

♠ Q 9 3
♥ A 9 7 6 5 3
♦ 7 2
♣ 8 4



♠ A K
♥ K 10 8 4
♦ K Q 9
♣ A K Q 5

♠ 8 7 6 4 2
♥ 2
♦ A J 10 8 6
♣ 9 6

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by North			

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

With 24 points you open 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next?

Partner has 8+ points and a good 5-card ♥ suit. Your hand has revalued to 25 points. You are forced to game but you don't want to bid it yet since you have slam in mind. So you temporize by showing your ♥ support. Partner bids 4 ♥. What do say?

You bid 4 NT, asking for Aces. Partner replies 5 ♦. What now?

You now say 6 ♥ and lay down a great dummy.

Deal 14

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 5 3
♥ Q 9 5
♦ A K Q 6
♣ A K Q

5
23 7
5

West
2 ♣
3 ♠
Pass
4 ♠ by East

♠ 6 4 2
♥ K J 4 3 2
♦ J 10 8
♣ 9 7



♠ 9 8
♥ A 10 7
♦ 7 5 2
♣ J 10 8 4 3

North
Pass
Pass
Pass

♠ A Q J 10 7
♥ 8 6
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 6 5 2

East
2 ♠
4 ♠

South
Pass
Pass

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You have 8 points and an excellent 5-card Major. So you respond 2 ♠. Partner says 3 ♠. What do you bid?

You told him that you have 8 or more points, now you must tell him that it is only 8. So you bid 4 ♠, making no move toward slam, and he passes.

Deal 15

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 6 5 3
♥ Q 9 7 5 2
♦ 9 8
♣ 9 7

22
2 4
12

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 NT by South			

♠ A 8 2
♥ A K 3
♦ K J 7
♣ A K 10 6



♠ K Q 9
♥ 8 6 4
♦ A Q 10 6
♣ J 5 4

♠ J 10 4
♥ J 10
♦ 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 8 3 2

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

You have 22 points and you open 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 NT. What do you bid next?

You show your balanced minimum by bidding 3 NT, leaving further moves to partner. Partner moves to 6 NT which you pass.

Deal 16

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 10 7
 ♥ A 9 6
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ A 8 3

0
 16 23
 1

West

North

East

South

2 NT

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

7 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

7 NT by West

♠ 8 6 5 4

♥ 7 5 3 2

♦ 10 7 4

♣ 6 5



♠ A K 3

♥ K Q 10

♦ A J 2

♣ K Q J 10

♠ 9 2

♥ J 8 4

♦ 9 8 6 3

♣ 9 7 4 2

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

It's like a Bridge fantasy come true. But don't go crazy, wait to see what kind of hand partner has. Remember, anything you say will be forcing. So you answer 2 NT and he bids 3 NT. What is your next bid?

Hmmm, 22-24 points added to your 16 comes to 38-40 points. Looking apologetically at your poor opponents you bid 7 NT.

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 7 2

♥ J 4 3

♦ K 10 2

♣ 8 7

23
5 6
6

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

♠ A K

♥ A K 10 8 6

♦ 7 5

♣ A K Q 6



♠ 8 6

♥ Q 7 5 2

♦ A 9 8 6 4

♣ 5 3

North

2 ♣

2 ♥

4 ♣

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

ALL

South

2 ♦

3 ♥

4 ♦

Pass

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

Your 7 points isn't enough for a Positive response so you respond 2 ♦. Partner now bids 2 ♥. What is your bid?

You let partner know of your good support by bidding 3 ♥, which is a stronger bid than 4 ♥ would be. Partner now bids 4 ♣. What do you say?

Partner is not introducing a new suit here, you have already agreed on ♥s. He is making a control-showing bid of the ♣ A. He expects you to do the same if you can. Since you can show your Ace very conveniently below game level you bid 4 ♦. That was what he was hoping for, he bids 6 ♥.

Deal 18

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A J
♥ A K 10 8 6
♦ Q 9 4
♣ A K Q

5
23 5
7

West
2 ♣
2 ♥
2 NT
4 ♠
4 ♠ by East

♠ 10
♥ Q J 9 3
♦ J 10 6 2
♣ J 10 6 4



♠ 7 4 3 2
♥ 5 4 2
♦ A K 7 3
♣ 8 7

North

Pass
Pass
Pass
ALL

East

2 ♦
2 ♠
3 ♠
Pass

South

Pass
Pass
Pass

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

Your 7 points isn't enough for a Positive response so you respond 2 ♦. Partner now bids 2 ♥. What is your bid?

You don't like the ♥s, but with a good suit of your own you can say 2 ♠. Partner now bids 2 NT. What do you say?

You know there are enough points for game so you must keep bidding. You should bid the ♠s one more time to show partner it is a 6-card suit. He then bids 4 ♠ and everybody passes.

Deal 19

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ J 7 6
♦ 8 7 6 5 4
♣ J 8 3

9
2 3
26

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

♠ A J 10 7 5

♥ 8

♦ A 3

♣ 9 7 6 4 2



♠ K Q 6 3

♥ A K

♦ K Q 9

♣ A K Q 5

♠ 4 2

♥ Q 10 9 5 4 3 2

♦ J 10 2

♣ 10

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

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

Partner has 8+ points and a good 5-card ♠ suit. You are absolutely sure you will go to slam, and right now the only thing you want to know is how many Aces are in partner's hand. So you use Blackwood 4 NT. Partner answers 5 ♥. What is your bid?

Obviously you could bid 7 ♠. But in fact you can count that there will be thirteen top tricks without a ruff; 5 ♠s, 2 ♥s, 3 ♦s and 3 ♣s. So you might as well bid 7 NT. (By the way, the people who bid 7 ♠ got the opening ♣ lead ruffed!)

Deal 20

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q 7 5

♥ A 6

♦ A Q 7

♣ K Q 3

6
24 6
4

♠ J 2

♥ 9 8 4

♦ 8 5 3

♣ A J 10 5 2



♠ 6 3

♥ K Q J 10 2

♦ 10 9 6

♣ 9 8 4

♠ 10 9 8 4

♥ 7 5 3

♦ K J 4 2

♣ 7 6

West

2 ♣

2 ♠

3 NT

3 NT by West

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♦

3 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With one more point you could have made a positive response. Instead, you bid 2 ♦. Partner now bids 2 ♠. What is your bid?

Not being in love with partner's ♠s, you have enough strength to now bid 3 ♥. Partner replies 3 NT. What do you say?

When you have nothing more to say, you pass.