

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ K Q 2
None Vul	♥ A 9 3
	♦ Q J 9 5
	♣ K Q 7

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

8	17	6
9		

N		E
W		S
♠ 7	♥ K Q 2	♦ 7 6 4 2
		♣ J 10 9 6 2

♠ J 10 8 3	♥ J 10 8 6	♦ K 10
		♣ A 8 4

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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣. What do you bid?

With no 4-card Major you reply 2 ♦. What do you bid after partner next says 2 NT?

Partner seems to have about 9 points and is inviting you to say 3 NT. Since you have a maximum 17 point hand you accept the invitation.

Deal 2South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4 3
♥ A J
♦ 8 7 6 5 2
♣ 10 9 8

9
6
10
15



♠ K 10 8 5
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ A 9 3
♣ Q 5

♠ A 9
♥ K 10 7 4
♦ 10 4
♣ K 6 4 3 2

♠ Q 7 6 2
♥ Q 6 3
♦ K Q J
♣ A J 7

West North East South

1 NT

Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♣
Pass	

3 ♣ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
What do you bid?

You bid 2 ♠. Partner next says 3 ♠. What do you say now?

Considering the bidding you have done so far you couldn't have a worse hand. With 4-3-3-3 distribution and a bare 15 points you most certainly don't want to accept any invitation from partner. So you pass. As you see, 9 tricks are not going to come easily.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 7 5 4**♥ 6 4 2****♦ 9 8 2****♣ 5 3****17
7 7
9****♠ J 6 2****♥ A 10 9 5****♦ K Q J 4****♣ A Q****♠ 8****♥ Q J****♦ 10 7 6 3****♣ K J 10 9 8 2****♠ Q 10 9 3
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ A 5
♣ 7 6 4**

West North East South

1 NT Pass 2 ♣

Pass 2 ♥ Pass 3 ♥

Pass 4 ♥ Pass Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.

What do you bid?

You respond 2 ♥. Partner now says 3 ♥.

What do you bid?

Partner has told you he has 4 ♥s and approximately 9 points. Add that to your 4 ♥s and 17 points and the total equals a game bid in ♥s. So you say 4 ♥.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ K 8 7
♦ K 9 6 5 2
♣ 7 6 4

9
6 8
17

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 10 9 6
♥ 6 3
♦ Q 10 8 4
♣ K 8 3

♠ 7 5 2
♥ Q J 4 2
♦ A
♣ J 10 9 5 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
What do you bid?

When you have 4 cards in both Majors you respond 2 ♥. Partner bids 2 NT. What is your next bid?

Partner would never bid Stayman without a 4-card Major. Since he did not like your ♥ bid it is clear that his 4-card Major must be ♠s. His 2 NT bid was an invitation for you to bid 3 NT, which means he has about 9 points. Knowing that partner has 9 points and 4 ♠s, your call is clear : 4 ♠.

Deal 5

North Deals	♠ K J 4
None Vul	♥ A 8
	♦ Q J 7 3
	♣ A Q 10 8
♠ 10 9 7 6 3	♠ 8
♥ 5 4 3	♥ J 7 2
♦ A K 4	♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ 4 3	♣ K J 6 5 2
¹⁷ 7 5 11	♠ A Q 5 2 ♥ K Q 10 9 6 ♦ 10 9 ♣ 9 7



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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣. What do you bid?

You do not have a 4-card Major. So your correct response is 2 ♦. Partner bids 2 ♥.

Partner has described a hand with 4 ♠s and 5 ♥s. You don't know his strength but it must be at least 9 points. You know that you have just a 7-card fit in both Majors, and since you have a full 17 points you bid 3 NT.

Deal 6

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 6 5 4 3**♥ A 8****♦ J 8 2****♣ 8 7****♠ K 7****♥ Q J 10****♦ A K 9 5****♣ K J 9 4****♠ A 10 9****♥ 6 4 2****♦ 10 6 4****♣ A 5 3 2****♠ Q 2****♥ K 9 7 5 3****♦ Q 7 3****♣ Q 10 6****West****North****East****South****1 NT****Pass****2 ♣****Pass****2 ♦****Pass****2 ♥****Pass****4 ♥****Pass****Pass****4 ♥ by South**

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.

What do you bid?

Your 2 ♦ response tells partner you have no 4-card Major suit. Then he bids 2 ♥. What do you say next?

Partner knows you do not have 4 ♥s, but he bid the suit anyway. He must have 5 of them and he must also have 4 ♠s (since he used Stayman). But it's the ♥s you are interested in. Partner has 5 and you have 3. So you know of an 8-card Major suit fit. And you also know you have a maximum 1 NT opening. So you say 4 ♥.