

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ A 5		
None Vul	♥ K 10 8 3		
	♦ K 7 5 2		
	♣ 8 4 3		
♠ J 10 9 8 2	♠ Q 7 6		
♥ 9	♥ 7 6 2		
♦ A Q 10 9 8	♦ J 4		
♣ A J	♣ K Q 7 6 2		
10	♠ K 4 3		
12 8	♥ A Q J 5 4		
10	♦ 6 3		
	♣ 10 9 5		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♥ by South			

With 11 points in support of ♥s you would generally make a limit raise with this hand. But since partner is in third seat you need to go carefully in case he has opened light. So you bid a Reverse Drury **2 ♣**.

Partner rebids **2 ♥**. What do you say next?

Partner's **2 ♥** rebid tells you that he opened light. So you pass.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 7 4
♥ A 5 3
♦ K Q 3
♣ 10 8 2

♠ 6
♥ J 10 8 6
♦ A J 10 9 4 2
♣ A 4

11
10 9
10

N
W E
S

♠ 10 3 2
♥ K 7 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K Q J 7 3

♠ A K J 9 5
♥ Q 9 4
♦ 7 6
♣ 9 6 5

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♠ by South			

You open in third seat and the bidding continues as shown.

Partner has a limit raise in ♠s and wonders if you have a full strength opening bid. Since you opened light you just return to ♠s at the minimum level.

Partner passes.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
 ♥ Q J 9 6 5
 ♦ A 2
 ♣ Q J 10 6 3

10
10 7
13

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 8 4 3
 ♥ 10 7 2
 ♦ 8 7 6 4
 ♣ A K 8

♠ A K 9 5 2
 ♥ K 8 3
 ♦ Q J
 ♣ 7 5 2

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

Bold bidders might have opened with this hand, so when partner opens in third seat you naturally want to show your strength. If you play Reverse Drury there is only one way to do that, so you bid 2 ♣.

Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say next?

The 2 ♦ rebid shows a hand that partner would have opened in any position. So here it gets a little ambiguous. Surely a jump to 3 ♠ would be forcing, but to keep the possibility of misunderstandings low a jump to 4 ♠ is no doubt safer. After all, you can revalue your hand up to 13 points in support of ♠s.

Deal 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 10 3
 ♥ 8 2
 ♦ 7 6 5 4
 ♣ K Q 5

12
 9 7
12

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ Q 8 6
 ♥ 9 5 4
 ♦ A 2
 ♣ J 9 6 4 3

♠ 7 5 2
 ♥ K Q 10 6 3
 ♦ Q J 9
 ♣ A 7

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

4 ♥ by South

You open in third seat and the bidding continues as shown.

Partner has a limit raise in ♥s and wonders if you have a full strength opening bid. Your 13 point hand qualifies as a decent opening bid, but certainly not enough extra to just jump to game. You bid 2 ♦, confirming the legitimate opener. Partner jumps to 3 ♥. What do you bid?

Partner shows a maximum limit-raise with his jump, so you bid the game.