

**Deal 1**

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

<b>16</b> <b>10</b> <b>7</b>	♠ 7 3 ♥ 10 7 5 ♦ A K 10 9 6 4 ♣ 8 6
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West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 NT
3 NT by North			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have just 9 points, only 7 of which are HCP. Still, that ♦ suit is very likely to provide 5 or 6 tricks. Take a risk and bid 3 NT.

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q J 5  
♥ K 6  
♦ A Q 7 4  
♣ K J 10 7

16 4  
15 5

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

♠ 10 9 8 2

♥ 10 5 2

♦ 10 9 5

♣ A 9 2

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ K 6  
♥ Q 8 7 4 3  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ 8 5 4

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With partner's 15, 16 or 17 points added to your 16 the total assets are 31, 32 or 33. That's only one chance in 3 of having the points you need for slam. On the other hand you have a pretty good 16. So you bid 4 NT, inviting partner to bid the slam. He will pass if he has only 15, so the worst thing that can happen is that he puts you in slam with only 32 points.

So you bid 4 NT and guess what? He passes.

**Deal 3**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 5 3  
♥ Q 9 7 6  
♦ 9 8 3  
♣ 7 6 5

13  
3 4  
20

N  
W E  
S

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

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

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Do the math. If partner only has 20 points you still come to 34 points, enough for the slam. If you want to use Gerber to check for Aces, go ahead. Or, just bid 6 NT.

**Deal 4**  
East Deals  
None Vul

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

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

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have a terrible hand and partner is not going to make 1 NT. So you bid 2 ♠, the Drop-dead bid. You don't expect to make this either, but it will probably end up better than 1 NT would have.