

Deal 1

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

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 2North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3 2
 ♥ J 10 9
 ♦ 7 3 2
 ♣ A 8 6 5

16
 5 8
11

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

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 6 4
 ♥ 7 5 4 2
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ 4 3 2

♠ K Q 10 5
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ J 9 4
 ♣ Q J 9 7

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

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 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 9 8 7
♥ J 9 4
♦ A 4 2
♣ 9 5

6
10 8
16

N
W E
S

♠ Q 5 2
♥ A 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 3
♣ 8 4 3

♠ K 10 4
♥ Q 10 7 2
♦ 10 9 8
♣ Q J 6

♠ 6 3
♥ K 5
♦ K Q J 6
♣ A K 10 7 2

West North East South

1 ♣

Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦
Pass 3 ♣ Pass Pass

Pass

3 ♣ by South

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 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 3
 ♥ J
 ♦ A K 6 4
 ♣ A K 9 8 3

♠ A Q 6 4 2
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ Q 10 2
 ♣ Q 5 2

♠ 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

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

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 5

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 6North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
 ♥ K J 9 5 3
 ♦ 9 8 7 4
 ♣ A 4 2

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 8 7
 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 5
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ K Q 9 8 6

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

♠ K Q 9 7 4 3
 ♥ 8 7 2
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ 10 3

<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 South			

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.