

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6 4**♥ 10****♦ K 9 6 5****♣ 8 6 3****16
3 5
16**

♠ 2
♥ J 6 5 4 3 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ K 4 2

♠ A K 3
♥ A K 7
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q 10 7 5

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 1 NT | Pass | 4 NT |
| Pass | 6 NT | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 6 NT by North | | | |

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

You open 1 NT and partner jumps to 4 NT.

This is the threequel to 4 and 5. With a "good 16" points you accept the invitation and bid 6 NT.

As you might expect, this time the slam is not so certain, but there is a good chance. If either Minor suit finesse works you can make 12 tricks.

Deal 2

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| West Deals | ♠ K Q 6 |
| None Vul | ♥ Q 5 |
| | ♦ A J 7 4 |
| | ♣ K 10 9 6 |

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

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| 10 | 15 | ♠ 7 3 |
| 11 | | ♥ J 10 9 7 6 3 |
| 4 | | ♦ K 3 |
| | | ♣ 5 4 2 |

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| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | 1 NT | Pass | 2 ♥ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

2 ♥ by South

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

Surprise - you open 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next? (no transfers in this lesson)

Pass. Partner has long ♥s (probably 6) and short points (fewer than 9). He has decided that 2 ♥ will be a better spot than 1 NT. Trust him.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 5 3
 ♥ A 9 6 4
 ♦ 9 8 2
 ♣ 8 5 4

8¹⁷
 6
 9

♠ K Q 6
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A Q 7 4
 ♣ K 10 9 6

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

♠ J 8
 ♥ Q J 10 7 3
 ♦ J 5 3
 ♣ A 7 3

West North East South

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| Pass | 1 NT | Pass | 3 ♥ |
| Pass | 3 NT | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |

3 NT by North

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

You open 1 NT and partner replies 3 ♥. What do you say next?

With this bidding method, partner's bid shows at least 10 points and exactly 5 ♥s. He expects you to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♥. Since you have just a doubleton in ♥s you choose 3 NT.

NOTE: Jacoby Transfers are very useful for this type of hand.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 2
 ♥ J 9 7 4 3
 ♦ 9 8 3
 ♣ 8 4 3

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5 9

♠ K Q 6
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A Q 7 4
 ♣ K 10 9 6

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| | N | |
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♠ 8 5 4
 ♥ Q 10 6
 ♦ K J 10 5
 ♣ Q J 2

♠ J 10 9 7 3
 ♥ A 8 2
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ A 7 5

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|
| | | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | 1 NT | Pass | 3 ♠ |
| Pass | 4 ♠ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 4 ♠ by South | | | |

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

Yes this is exactly the same hand you held in Deal 8. You still open 1 NT. This time partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner shows T+ points and exactly 5 ♠s. This time, with 3-card support, you choose game in ♠s, knowing there is an 8-card fit.

Deal 5West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4 2
 ♥ J 10 7 6
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ A 5 4 3

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6 6
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♠ K Q 6
 ♥ K Q 4
 ♦ Q 7 4
 ♣ K 10 9 6

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♠ 8 7 5 3
 ♥ A 9 5 2
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ Q 7 2

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

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Pass | 1 NT | Pass | 3 ♦ |
| Pass | 3 NT | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 3 NT by North | | | |

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

You open 1 NT and partner says 3 ♦. It's your bid.

Partner has a great hand. A jump to 3 in a Minor suit almost always shows slam interest. But that's partner with interest, not you. You couldn't have a more minimum 1 NT opening bid.

So you just return to 3 NT. Partner gives up and passes.