

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

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

17	2 10	11

West North East South
 Pass 3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥
 Pass Pass Pass
 4 ♥ by North

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

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

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

North opens 1 NT and East overcalls 2 ♦.
 What do you say?

Dad-burned interfering opponents. You were going to bid a Stayman 2 ♣ and now you can't. You also don't want to bid either Major with only 4 of them. And you certainly can't bid notrump with no ♦ stopper. Fortunately the overcall has opened a window of opportunity for you. So you cue-bid 3 ♦. Even if you and partner haven't discussed this it is pretty obvious that you don't really want to play in ♦s, so the most likely action for him is to bid a suit, and a Major suit would have priority. So really, the cue-bid achieves the same purpose as Stayman would have.

Partner now bids 3 ♥. What do you say?

Partner showed a 4-card ♥ suit. With your 4 that makes a fit. You have 12 revalued points so you bid 4 ♥.