

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 10 4 2
♦ Q 8
♣ K Q 9 4

13
8 6
13

♠ A K 10 3
♥ A Q 7 5
♦ 10 9 5
♣ 7 2

♠ 7 4
♥ 8 6 3
♦ A J 7 4 3
♣ J 10 5

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ K 9
♦ K 6 2
♣ A 8 6 3

West North East South

			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

If you thought you couldn't bid 1 ♠ because it would have been a Reverse just think again.

A Reverse is when you bid a higher-ranking second suit at the 2-level. This is just normal bidding of suits up the line.

Partner now takes control and bids the ♠ game.

Deal 2

South Deals	♠ K Q 8 3
None Vul	♥ Q J
	♦ K J 6
	♣ J 10 9 7

♠ J 6 4
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 8 7 3 2
♣ A 6 4

13	♠ 10 7 2
5 8	♥ A K 9 4
14	♦ Q 5 4
	♣ K Q 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	ALL	Pass
3 NT by South			

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

Don't bid 2 ♥. That would be a Reverse, showing at least 17 points. A 2 ♥ bid would also show longer ♣s than ♥s. Don't bid 2 ♠. That would be showing 4-card support.

So with your minimum hand you bid 1 NT which partner raises to 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 6 3

♣ J 10 8

16
7 11
6

♠ J 3
♥ Q 8
♦ K Q J 5
♣ A K 7 6 2

W	N	E	S

♠ 7 5
♥ A J 5 3
♦ A 9 7 4
♣ Q 4 3

♠ K 10 9 4
♥ K 10 9 6
♦ 10 8 2
♣ 9 5

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

At your first turn you bid your ♥ suit, up-the-line. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You only have 7 points, but partner Reversed so you cannot pass. You need to make a bid to show your minimum, and you cannot support either of partner's suits, nor can you rebid your ♥s.

However, you also cannot bid your ♠ suit. That would be fourth-suit-forcing, and would show a game forcing hand of 9 or more points.

Instead you bid 2 NT. Partner has a bare 17 so he passes.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 4 2
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ 9 8 7 4
♣ A 3 2

♠ J
11
8 4
17
♦ A Q 10
♦ A Q J 3
♣ Q J 9 8 6

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT 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. You don't have ♠ support but you do have good ♥ stoppers so you bid 3 NT.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 9 8 5	♦ 8 4
♥ 10 8 6 5	♣ K 7

♠ J 7	♦ A Q 10 7 5
♥ J 9 3	♣ 8 6 4

N	E
W	S
♠ K 10 4 3 2	♦ 7 2
♣ 9 5 2	♦ K J 2

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

16	
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West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

With his Reverse, partner has shown at least 17 points and at least 4 ♥s.

You could fall back on the guidelines and say that with 10 points you need to make a positive bid at this time, but it is simpler to just rely on "SHE WHO KNOWS, GOES."

Since you know of an 8-card ♥ fit and at least 27 points you bid 4 ♥.

Deal 6

South Deals	♠ 10 7 5
None Vul	♥ 8 2
	♦ A Q 5 3
	♣ J 10 8 4

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

N
W E S

8 7 8	17
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West North East South

Pass	2 ♠	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♠
4 ♠ by South			

You are the dealer.

It may be tempting to open 1 ♥, planning on Reversing in ♠ at your second turn to show your big hand.

Don't. A Reverse should always show an unbalanced hand with the first suit longer. So you open 1 ♠ and partner replies 2 ♠.

What do you bid?

If you had opened 1 ♥ partner would have replied 1 NT. Then when you Reversed with 2 ♠ he would have assumed you had a 4-card ♠ suit and would probably have put you back in ♥s, your known 5-card suit.

Things would have gotten confusing, to say the least.

Deal 7

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

9	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 8North 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>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
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 9
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

6	♠ 6 3
10	♥ K 5
16	♦ K Q J 6

N	
W	E
S	

♠ K 10 4	♦ Q 10 7 2
♦ 10 9 8	♣ Q J 6

<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			

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 10

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

16	♠ 10 8 5
10 9	♥ K Q 9 8 7 4
5	♦ 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 11

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 12North 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.

Deal 13

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 6 4 3

♥ 7 6

♦ K J 6 4

♣ A 5

♠ Q 9

♥ A Q 10 5 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 8 6 3



♠ K 10 7 5 2

♥ J 9 3

♦ 8 2

♣ 9 4 2

♠ J

♥ K 8 4

♦ A Q 10 9

♣ K Q J 10 7

12

8 4

16

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣

Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♦ by South

With partner showing 17 or more points, your 13 brings you to game level. You want to support partner's ♦s but you must jump to show that you have more than 8 points. So you bid 4 ♦ and partner raises it to game.

Deal 14

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 4 2

♥ A J

♦ J 6 3

♣ K 9 7 6

10
7
14
9

♠ A 10 8 3

♥ 8 5 2

♦ 10 9 5

♣ Q J 3



♠ K Q 7 6

♥ 10 9 4 3

♦ A 7

♣ 5 4 2

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

West North East South

1♦

Pass 1♠ Pass 1 NT

Pass Pass Pass

1 NT by South

You only have 15 points, not enough to Reverse, so you cannot bid the ♥ suit.

Instead you content yourself with 1 NT.
Partner passes.