

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 4
♥ Q 10 6
♦ K J 10 5
♣ Q J 2

9
9 5
17

♠ J 10 9 7 3
♥ A 8 2
♦ 6 2
♣ A 7 5



♠ K Q 6
♥ K 5
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ K 10 9 6

♠ A 2
♥ J 9 7 4 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 8 4 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

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 2

North Deals
None Vul

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

	♠ 8 7 5 3
	♥ A 9 5 2
	♦ 9 3
	♣ Q 7 2

<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 East			

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.

Deal 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 6

♥ K Q 4

♦ A 7 4

♣ K 10 9 6

♠ A J 10 9 8 4

♥ 6 2

♦ 10 9 5 2

♣ 3



♠ 7 5 2

♥ J 10 9 7 3

♦ Q 8 6

♣ J 2

♠ 3

♥ A 8 5

♦ K J 3

♣ A Q 8 7 5 4

17
5 4
14

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

ALL

6 ♣ by South

North

1 NT

4 ♣

5 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♣

4 NT

6 ♣

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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 3 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner's jump to 3 ♣ shows at least 5 ♣s and slam interest. Your hand is good enough to encourage that interest so you bypass 3 NT and say 4 ♣. Partner now bids 4 NT. What do you answer?

That is Blackwood. You admit to one Ace and partner bids 6 ♣.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8

♥ Q 9 8 7 3 2

♦ 6

♣ 10 9 6 3

12
4 16
8

♠ A 5 3

♥ A 10

♦ K J 7 5 2

♣ 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ K 9 6

♥ K J 6 4

♦ A Q 4

♣ Q J 5

♠ J 10 7 4 2

♥ 5

♦ 10 9 8 3

♣ A K 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

1 NT

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by West

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

A 1 NT overcall is almost the same as a 1 NT opening. The range is increased to 15-18, but the main difference is that you must have the opponent's suit adequately stopped. Here you certainly have the stopper so you bid 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next?

And the responses are the same also. Partner's 2 ♥ bid is a signoff bid, often called a "drop dead" bid. So even though you really like the ♥s you pass.