

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 4 2

♥ Q J 10 3 2

♦ 8 3

♣ K 4 2

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 5

♦ K Q 6 4

♣ Q 8 7 6

W	N	E	S
♦ A 10 6 5	♠ J 8	♥ 9 7	♦ A J 10 9 5

10**8 7****15**

♣ J 10 9 5

♠ A 10 6 5

♥ A K 8 6 4

♦ 7 2

♣ A 3

West North East South

1 ♥

Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠

Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

Naturally you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 1 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner has at least 4 ♠s and you have 4. So you have found the 8-card Major fit. Now it is a question of finding the right level. Your job is to further describe your hand as either minimum, medium, or maximum. With 17/18 points (revalued) you are a medium, so you jump to 3 ♠.

Partner bids the game.

Deal 2North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8
 ♥ K 8 2
 ♦ 6 5 4 2
 ♣ A 9 5 3

12
8 5
15

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 9 7 3
 ♥ A 10 9 5
 ♦ Q J 3
 ♣ 10

♠ 10 6 5 2
 ♥ J 6 4 3
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ 7 4 2

♠ A 4
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ K 10 9 7
 ♣ K Q J 8 6

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

Of course you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 2 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner has shown at least 11 points and you are forced to bid again. Since the ♥'s rank below ♠'s you can bid them with your minimum hand. Apparently that is just what partner wanted to hear since he jumps to 3 NT which you happily pass.

Deal 3

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

11	♠ A 9 7 5 3
8 8	♥ Q J 10 5
13	♦ K Q J

♣ 7

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

You open 1 ♠ and partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next?

Partner has shown 11+ points and at least 4 ♥s. Your hand revalues to 16 points in support of ♥s, where you know you have an 8-card fit or better. You bid 4 ♥ confidently.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul**♠ Q 6**
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ A 9 7
♣ 10 8 5 4**♠ 9 4 2**
♥ A 9 4 2
♦ J 6 5
♣ J 6 2**9**
6 10
15

West North East South

Pass 1 NT Pass 1 ♠
Pass 4 ♠ Pass 3 ♠
Pass

4 ♠ by South

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

We all know you will open 1 ♠ with this hand. And after partner responds 1 NT what is your next bid?

With 6 of them you can rebid ♠s but you are too strong to say just 2 ♠. Your 17 points puts you in the Medium range where you make a jump. So you bid 3 ♠ and partner bids 4 ♠.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

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

20
5 4
11



♠ Q 5 4
♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 10 5

♠ A 10 2
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A 9 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
6 ♥ by North			

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2 ♣. So you open 1 ♥ and partner responds 3 ♥. Now what?

You might bid 4 ♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4 NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid?

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6 ♥.

Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

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



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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2 ♥ and he promptly raises to 4 ♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.