

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 3
♥ Q 9 5 3
♦ 10 8 7 4
♣ A Q 3 2

17
8 8
7

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ K Q J 6 4

♥ A K J 7 6

♦ K 6

♣ 5



♠ 10 7 5

♥ 8 2

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ J 10 8 4

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

Pass

♠ A 9 8 2

♥ 10 4

♦ J 9 2

♣ K 9 7 6

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 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 2
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ J 10 9
♣ Q J 3

7
9 6
18

♠ 10 7 4
♥ K J 9 8
♦ K 7 3
♣ 9 8 5



♠ A K
♥ 5 2
♦ A 6 4 2
♣ A K 10 7 4

♠ Q 9 6 5 3
♥ Q 7 4
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 6 2

<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 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ 7 5 4 2

♦ A 6

♣ 4 3 2

11
8 5
16

♠ K Q 10 5

♥ Q 8

♦ J 9 4

♣ Q J 9 7



♠ J 7

♥ A K 6 3

♦ K Q 10 8 5

♣ K 10

♠ 8 3 2

♥ J 10 9

♦ 7 3 2

♣ A 8 6 5

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

3 NT

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

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 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 8 7
 ♥ J 9 4
 ♦ A 4 2
 ♣ 9 5

6
 10 8
 16

♠ Q 5 2
 ♥ A 8 6 3
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ 8 4 3



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

♠ 6 3
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ K Q J 6
 ♣ A K 10 7 2

<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 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9
 ♥ A 10 5 2
 ♦ J 9 7 5
 ♣ J 10 4

5
 9 10
 16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by North

♠ 10 8 5
 ♥ K Q 9 8 7 4
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ 7 6



♠ J 7 3
 ♥ J
 ♦ A K 6 4
 ♣ A K 9 8 3

North

1 ♥

2 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

♠ A Q 6 4 2
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ Q 10 2
 ♣ Q 5 2

South

1 ♣

2 ♦

Pass

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.