

Deal 1

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

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



14	♠ A 9 6 2
5 9	♥ A K J 7 4
12	♦ 10 5
	♣ 7 3

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

You MIGHT jump to 2 NT to "show your points". However, a notrump bid now would deny a 4-card ♠ suit. Instead, your priority is to show that Major, so you respond 1 ♠. Partner bids 2 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would not support a response which might be 4 cards unless he had 4 himself. Knowing that you have two opening hands facing each other, each containing 4 ♠s, you bid the ♠ game.

Deal 2 ♠ K Q 8 6
South Deals ♥ J 7 6
None Vul ♦ Q J 7 6
 ♣ 9 6

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

9
8 6
17

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 9 7 5
♥ K Q
♦ K 10 5
♣ A J 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

With 4-card support you respond 2 ♠. Partner raises to 3 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner's bid is an invitation. You have told him you have 6-10 points and he probably has about 17-18. If you are at the high end of your 6-T he wants you to bid game, at the low end he wants you to pass. You actually have T, definitely high end, so you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
 ♥ 8 4 3 2
 ♦ K Q 9 8 2
 ♣ A 8 2

¹⁵
 9 9
 7

♠ A 10 9 7 5
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ Q 10 4 3

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

♠ K Q 8 6
 ♥ J 7 6
 ♦ J 7 6
 ♣ 9 6 5

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

3 ♠ by North

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2 ♠. Partner now bids 3 ♣. What do you bid next?

Again partner is inviting you to bid game. He wants you to bid it if you are at the top of your 6-T range, and he wants you to particularly promote any Help you can give him in ♣s.

You are at the bottom of your range and you have no help in ♣s, so you just return to ♠s. Partner passes.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 3
♥ Q 10 6
♦ K Q 10 3
♣ 9 6 5 4
♠ Q 10 8 7 6 5
♥ 8
♦ 8 4
♣ A J 8 3
7
16
♣ 10
♠ A K 4 2
♥ A K J 5 3
♦ J 7 2

N
W E
S

West North East South
Pass 2 ♥ Pass 3 ♦
Pass 4 ♥ Pass Pass
Pass
4 ♥ by South

Your only reasonable response is 2 ♥.
Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

With 8 points you are right in the middle of the 6-10 points you promised. So you could either accept partner's invitation or decline it. BUT, he said you should particularly look at any Help you could provide in ♦s. Since you have lots of good stuff in that suit you upgrade your 8 points and bid 4 ♥.