

**Deal 1**

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

♠ K 6
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 7
♣ J 9 5

<b>18</b>	♠ Q 7 4 2
<b>4 8</b>	♥ K J 5
<b>10</b>	♦ A 8 3
	♣ 10 7 6

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

N	E
W	S

♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ A 9
♦ Q 5 4 2
♣ Q 4 2

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

This would be an ideal hand to open 1 NT - well, it would be with one less point. But with 18 you are too strong to open 1 NT so you open 1 ♣. Partner responds 1 ♣. What do you bid next?

DO NOT fall into the trap of supporting partner's ♣s just because you have such nice help for him. He might have a 4-card suit. Instead, just describe your hand by jumping to 2 NT, showing a balanced hand with 18-19 points. Partner now bids 3 NT and you play it there.

**Deal 2**

West Deals

None Vul

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

8	♦ A 5
19 6	♥ 10 8 4 3
7	♦ K 9 7 5
	♣ 10 9 2

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

4 ♠ by East

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

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

You open 1 ♦ and partner responds 1 ♠. What is your next bid?

Do not support what may be a 4-card suit with only 3 cards. Instead, jump to 2 NT, showing 18-19, balanced. Partner rebids the ♠s. What do you say next?

Partner shows a minimum hand, but with 6 ♠s. 3 NT is very tempting, and might work out fine, but with 9 ♠s it is probably better to play the suit game. So you bid 4 ♠ and everybody passes.

Bidding 4 ♠ was a good choice. It makes easily, yet 3 NT might have gone down.

**Deal 3**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 5 2  
 ♥ A J 1 0  
 ♦ K 6 5 3  
 ♣ Q 4 2

**13**  
**10 9**  
**8**

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

♠ A K 7 4	♦ K Q 9 6	♦ J 8	♣ 9 7 6
W	N	E	S
♠ Q 3	♦ 7 4 3 2	♦ A Q 10 9	♣ J 10 5

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

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You have plenty good support to raise partner's ♣ suit. But your first priority is to show a 4-card Major suit if you have one. You do, so you respond 1♠. Partner raises you to 2♠.

Are you tempted to take partner back to ♣s since you have such good support? Don't be. Partner has 4 ♣s, but he might have only 3 ♣s.

Are you tempted to bid 3♠ since partner raised you? Don't be. He showed a minimum hand with his single raise and you only have 9 points. Just pass.

**Deal 4**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 7 6  
♥ A J 9 6  
♦ A K 8 3  
♣ J 8 5

7  
13 14  
6

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

♠ 8 2  
♥ 10 5 2  
♦ 9 6 5  
♣ A K 9 6 4

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

♠ Q J 10 5 4 3  
♥ 7 4  
♦ J 7  
♣ Q 7 2

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

Some might jump to 2 NT, "to show partner my point count". Some might jump to 3 ♦, "to force partner to game and show my ♦ support". The wise ones will just bid 1 ♥, striving to find an 8-card Major fit, the first priority of bidding.

You choose the 1 ♥ route, and partner obligingly says 2 ♥. What do you bid next?

Remember "She who knows, goes"? You know of the 8-card Major fit. You know of at least 26 combined points. You know you should bid 4 ♥, so you do.

**Deal 5**      ♠ A J 10  
North Deals    ♥ Q 10 7  
N-S Vul        ♦ K J 6  
                  ♣ A K 8 3  
  
♠ K 6              ♠ 9 8 5 3  
♥ 8 6 4 3 2        ♥ A 9  
♦ 10 9 7          ♦ Q 5 4 2  
♣ J 9 5            ♣ Q 4 2  
  
**18**  
**4 8**  
**10**  
  
♠ Q 7 4 2  
♥ K J 5  
♦ A 8 3  
♣ 10 7 6



**Deal 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 6

♥ A K 7

♦ Q 8 6 4

♣ A K 8

♠ 8 3

♥ 9 6 2

♦ A J 10 2

♣ Q J 6 5

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 10 9 7 4 2

♥ Q J 5

♦ 3

♣ 7 4 3

8  
19 6  
7

♠ A 5

♥ 10 8 4 3

♦ K 9 7 5

♣ 10 9 2

**Deal 7**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 7 4

♥ K Q 9 6

♦ J 8

♣ 9 7 6

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A J 10

♦ K 6 5 3

♣ Q 4 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q 3

♥ 7 4 3 2

♦ A Q 10 9

♣ J 10 5

♠ J 10 9 6

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K 8 3

13  
10 9  
8

**Deal 8**

West Deals  
None Vul  
  
♠ 7 6  
♥ A J 9 6  
♦ A K 8 3  
♣ J 8 5

N  
W E  
S

7  
13 14  
6

♠ 8 2  
♥ 10 5 2  
♦ 9 6 5  
♣ A K 9 6 4

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

♠ Q J 10 5 4 3  
♥ 7 4  
♦ J 7  
♣ Q 7 2

**Deal 9**      ♠ A J 10  
North Deals    ♥ Q 10 7  
E-W Vul        ♦ K J 6  
                  ♣ A K 8 3  
  
♠ K 6            ♠ 9 8 5 3  
♥ 8 6 4 3 2     ♥ A 9  
♦ 10 9 7        ♦ Q 5 4 2  
♣ J 9 5        ♣ Q 4 2  
  
**18**  
**4 8**  
**10**  
  
♠ Q 7 4 2  
♥ K J 5  
♦ A 8 3  
♣ 10 7 6



**Deal 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

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

♠ Q J 6  
♥ A K 7  
♦ Q 8 6 4  
♣ A K 8

8  
19 6  
7

N  
W E  
S

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

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

**Deal 11**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 7 4

♥ K Q 9 6

♦ J 8

♣ 9 7 6

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A J 10

♦ K 6 5 3

♣ Q 4 2

N  
W E  
S♠ Q 3  
♥ 7 4 3 2  
♦ A Q 10 9  
♣ J 10 5

♠ J 10 9 6

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K 8 3

13  
10 9  
8

**Deal 12**

West Deals	♠ 8 2
N-S Vul	♥ 10 5 2
	♦ 9 6 5
	♣ A K 9 6 4
♠ 7 6	♠ A K 9
♥ A J 9 6	♥ K Q 8 3
♦ A K 8 3	♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ J 8 5	♣ 10 3
7	♠ Q J 10 5 4 3
13 14	♥ 7 4
6	♦ J 7
	♣ Q 7 2

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 13**      ♠ A J 10  
North Deals    ♥ Q 10 7  
Both Vul        ♦ K J 6  
                  ♣ A K 8 3  
  
♠ K 6            ♠ 9 8 5 3  
♥ 8 6 4 3 2     ♥ A 9  
♦ 10 9 7        ♦ Q 5 4 2  
♣ J 9 5        ♣ Q 4 2  
  
**18**  
**4 8**  
**10**  
  
♠ Q 7 4 2  
♥ K J 5  
♦ A 8 3  
♣ 10 7 6

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

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

♠ Q J 6  
♥ A K 7  
♦ Q 8 6 4  
♣ A K 8

8  
19 6  
7

N  
W E  
S

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

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

**Deal 15**      ♠ A K 7 4  
South Deals    ♥ K Q 9 6  
N-S Vul        ♦ J 8  
                  ♣ 9 7 6

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

13  
10 9  
8

N  
W E  
S

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

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

**Deal 16**

West Deals  
E-W Vul  
  
♠ 7 6  
♥ A J 9 6  
♦ A K 8 3  
♣ J 8 5

7  
13 14  
6

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



**Deal 17**      ♠ A J 10  
North Deals      ♥ Q 10 7  
None Vul      ♦ K J 6  
                    ♣ A K 8 3  
♠ K 6      ♠ 9 8 5 3  
♥ 8 6 4 3 2      ♥ A 9  
♦ 10 9 7      ♦ Q 5 4 2  
♣ J 9 5      ♣ Q 4 2  
  
      18      ♠ Q 7 4 2  
      4 8      ♥ K J 5  
      10      ♦ A 8 3  
                    ♣ 10 7 6



**Deal 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ Q J 6  
♥ A K 7  
♦ Q 8 6 4  
♣ A K 8

8  
19 6  
7

N  
W E  
S

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

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

**Deal 19**  
 South Deals  
 E-W Vul      ♠ A K 7 4  
                   ♥ K Q 9 6  
                   ♦ J 8  
                   ♣ 9 7 6

<p>♠ 8 5 2</p> <p>♥ A J 10</p> <p>♦ K 6 5 3</p> <p>♣ Q 4 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13 10 9 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N W E S</p> <p>♠ J 10 9 6</p> <p>♥ 8 5</p> <p>♦ 7 4 2</p> <p>♣ A K 9 2</p>
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**Deal 20**

West Deals      ♠ 8 2  
Both Vul      ♥ 10 5 2  
                 ♦ 9 6 5  
                 ♣ A K 9 6 4  
♠ 7 6  
♥ A J 9 6  
♦ A K 8 3  
♣ J 8 5

7  
**13** **14**  
6

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

**Deal 21**      ♠ A J 10  
North Deals    ♥ Q 10 7  
N-S Vul        ♦ K J 6  
                  ♣ A K 8 3  
♠ K 6            ♠ 9 8 5 3  
♥ 8 6 4 3 2     ♥ A 9  
♦ 10 9 7        ♦ Q 5 4 2  
♣ J 9 5        ♣ Q 4 2  
**18**  
**4 8**  
**10**  
♠ Q 7 4 2  
♥ K J 5  
♦ A 8 3  
♣ 10 7 6

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 6  
♥ A K 7  
♦ Q 8 6 4  
♣ A K 8

♠ 8 3

♥ 9 6 2

♦ A J 10 2

♣ Q J 6 5

8  
**19** 6  
7

N  
W E  
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♠ K 10 9 7 4 2

♥ Q J 5  
♦ 3  
♣ 7 4 3

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

**Deal 23**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 7 4

♥ K Q 9 6

♦ J 8

♣ 9 7 6

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A J 10

♦ K 6 5 3

♣ Q 4 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q 3

♥ 7 4 3 2

♦ A Q 10 9

♣ J 10 5

♠ J 10 9 6

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K 8 3

13  
10 9  
8

**Deal 24**

West Deals  
None Vul  
  
♠ 7 6  
♥ A J 9 6  
♦ A K 8 3  
♣ J 8 5

7  
13 14  
6

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



**Deal 25**      ♠ A J 10  
North Deals    ♥ Q 10 7  
E-W Vul        ♦ K J 6  
                  ♣ A K 8 3  
  
♠ K 6              ♠ 9 8 5 3  
♥ 8 6 4 3 2        ♥ A 9  
♦ 10 9 7          ♦ Q 5 4 2  
♣ J 9 5            ♣ Q 4 2  
  
**18**  
**4 8**  
**10**  
  
♠ Q 7 4 2  
♥ K J 5  
♦ A 8 3  
♣ 10 7 6

N  
W     E  
S

**Deal 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

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

♠ Q J 6  
♥ A K 7  
♦ Q 8 6 4  
♣ A K 8

8  
19 6  
7

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

N  
W E  
S

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

**Deal 27**      ♠ A K 7 4  
South Deals      ♥ K Q 9 6  
None Vul      ♦ J 8  
                    ♣ 9 7 6

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

13  
10 9  
8

N  
W E  
S

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

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

**Deal 28**

West Deals  
N-S Vul  
**♠ 8 2**  
**♥ 10 5 2**  
**♦ 9 6 5**  
**♣ A K 9 6 4**  
**♠ 7 6**  
**♥ A J 9 6**  
**♦ A K 8 3**  
**♣ J 8 5**

**7**  
**13 14**  
**6**

N  
W E  
S

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

**Deal 29**      ♠ A J 10  
North Deals    ♥ Q 10 7  
Both Vul        ♦ K J 6  
                  ♣ A K 8 3  
♠ K 6            ♠ 9 8 5 3  
♥ 8 6 4 3 2     ♥ A 9  
♦ 10 9 7        ♦ Q 5 4 2  
♣ J 9 5        ♣ Q 4 2  
**18**  
**4 8**  
**10**  
♠ Q 7 4 2  
♥ K J 5  
♦ A 8 3  
♣ 10 7 6

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 30**

East Deals

None Vul

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

♠ Q J 6  
♥ A K 7  
♦ Q 8 6 4  
♣ A K 8

8  
19 6  
7

N  
W E  
S

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

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

**Deal 31**      ♠ A K 7 4  
South Deals      ♥ K Q 9 6  
N-S Vul      ♦ J 8  
                    ♣ 9 7 6

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

13  
10 9  
8

N  
W E  
S

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

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

**Deal 32**

West Deals  
E-W Vul  
  
♠ 7 6  
♥ A J 9 6  
♦ A K 8 3  
♣ J 8 5

7  
13 14  
6

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



**Deal 33**North Deals  
None Vul

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

**18**  
**4 8**  
**10**

N  
W E  
S

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

**Deal 34**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ Q J 6  
♥ A K 7  
♦ Q 8 6 4  
♣ A K 8

8  
19 6  
7

N  
W E  
S

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

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

**Deal 35**      ♠ A K 7 4  
South Deals      ♥ K Q 9 6  
E-W Vul      ♦ J 8  
                    ♣ 9 7 6

<p>♠ 8 5 2</p> <p>♥ A J 10</p> <p>♦ K 6 5 3</p> <p>♣ Q 4 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13 10 9 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N W E S</p> <p>♠ J 10 9 6</p> <p>♥ 8 5</p> <p>♦ 7 4 2</p> <p>♣ A K 9 2</p>
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**Deal 36**

West Deals  
Both Vul  
  
♠ 7 6  
♥ A J 9 6  
♦ A K 8 3  
♣ J 8 5

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13 14  
6

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

