

Deal 1

	♠ —		
North Deals	♥ A K Q J 8 6 4 3		
None Vul	♦ A 5		
	♣ Q J 4		
♠ A Q J 9 6 4 2		♠ 10 5	
♥ —	N	♥ 10 7 5	
♦ 10 6	W E	♦ K Q 9 3	
♣ K 8 5 2		♣ A 9 7 6	
		♠ K 8 7 3	
		♥ 9 2	
10 9		♦ J 8 7 4 2	
4		♣ 10 3	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You only have 20 points, but you have 9 playing tricks. You have two choices, open 4 ♥ or open 2 ♣. Usually 4 ♥ would show a slightly weaker hand than this, so you bid 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♦. What do you bid next?

Of course you bid your 8-card suit. But no jumping, just bid 2 ♥. Partner now says 2 NT. What do you bid next?

Partner has between 3 and 7 points. Somewhere in those points might be the one trick you need, but you don't have any scientific way of finding out. So just bid 4 ♥ and hope.(There it is, the ♣T.)

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 3 2
♥ J 5
♦ 8 7 5
♣ A J 9 4 3

6
8 5
21

♠ 8 7 5
♥ K 3
♦ Q J 10 9 4
♣ 7 5 2

♠ J 10 9 6
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ A 6 3
♣ 8 6

♠ A K 4
♥ A Q 10 8 6
♦ K 2
♣ K Q 10

West North East South
Pass 2 ♦ Pass 2 ♣
Pass 3 ♦ Pass 3 NT
Pass Pass Pass

3 NT by South

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 7 points you must bid a Negative 2 ♦. Partner now bids 2 ♥. What is your bid?

For someone who made an initial Negative response you have quite a good hand. You can't support partner's ♥s (yet) but you consider jumping to 3 NT. All in all it is better to just describe your hand with a 3 ♦ bid, then wait and see what partner says. You don't have to wait long since he bids 3 NT which you pass.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10
♥ J 9 7 5
♦ A 10 8 5 3
♣ J 6 4

21
6 10
3

♠ A Q J 8 3

♥ 3

♦ K Q 7

♣ A K Q 9

W	N
E	S

♠ 9 7 4 2
♥ A K Q 2
♦ J 6 4
♣ 5 2

♠ K 6 5
♥ 10 8 6 4
♦ 9 2
♣ 10 8 7 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 22 points you should open 2♣. Partner responds 2♦. What do you bid next?

You have 22 points and 5-card Major suit. Your rebid is therefore 2♠. Partner raises to 4♠. His jump to game shows a weaker hand than a 3♠ bid would so you pass.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 3 2
♥ 9 4
♦ J 9 6 2
♣ Q 8 4 2

6
4 7
23

N
W E
S

♠ K 8 7 5
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ 10 5
♣ 9 7 3

♠ 10 9 6 4
♥ 8 6 2
♦ A K 7 3
♣ 6 5

♠ A Q
♥ A K 7 5
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K J 10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	4 ♥ by South		

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You have 6 points and bid a Negative 2 ♦. Partner now bids 2 NT. What is your bid?

Partner has a balanced 22-24 points. With your 6 you want to be in game, but which game; 3 NT, 4 ♥ or 4 ♠? You can't answer that question unless you know if partner has a 4-card Major suit. So you bid 3 ♣, which is Stayman in this case. Partner replies 3 ♥. What do you say?

Knowing of the 4-4 fit you bid 4 ♥. By the way: Partner knew your 3 ♣ bid was not the Second Negative because you don't use Second Negative following a 2 NT rebid, you just pass.