

**Deal 1**North Deals  
None Vul♠ K 10 4  
♥ Q 10 7 2  
♦ 10 9 8  
♣ Q J 616  
8 10  
6
 ♠ 6 3  
 ♥ K 5  
 ♦ K Q J 6  
 ♣ A K 10 7 2

 ♠ A J 9 8 7  
 ♥ J 9 4  
 ♦ A 4 2  
 ♣ 9 5

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

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

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 2**

West Deals

None Vul

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

9  
16 5  
10

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



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

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

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

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.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 5 3

♦ 5 3 2

♣ K Q 10 9

♠ A K 8 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 10 9 8

♣ 7 6 5 4



♠ Q 10 5 3

♥ K 10 8 6 4

♦ A

♣ J 8 2

♠ 7

♥ A Q J 9

♦ K Q J 7 6 4

♣ A 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

5 ♦ by South

You have an ideal hand for a Reverse, so you bid 2 ♥.

Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand, but at least he came up with a preference for ♦s.

There are no guarantees here, but you should probably try 5 ♦.

### *Deal 4*

East Deals    ♥ K J 9 5 3  
None Vul    ♦ 9 8 7 4  
              ♣ A 4 2

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

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

With 18 points you have enough to make a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner now says 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner's jump bid shows a 6-card suit and enough points to insist on game. With your ♥ stopper you might be considering 3 NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4 ♠.

Be very glad that you did. 3 NT would go down with a ♥ opening lead while 4 ♠ is cold.