

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ K Q 2
None Vul	♥ A 9 3
	♦ Q J 9 5
	♣ K Q 7

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

8	17	6
9		

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

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

Pass
3 NT by North

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣. What do you bid?

With no 4-card Major you reply 2 ♦. What do you bid after partner next says 2 NT?

Partner seems to have about 9 points and is inviting you to say 3 NT. Since you have a maximum 17 point hand you accept the invitation.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 8 5
 ♥ 9 8 5 2
 ♦ A 9 3
 ♣ Q 5

10
 9 **15**
 6

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 7 6 2
 ♥ Q 6 3
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ A J 7

♠ J 4 3
 ♥ A J
 ♦ 8 7 6 5 2
 ♣ 10 9 8

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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
 What do you bid?

You bid 2 ♠. Partner next says 3 ♠. What do you say now?

Considering the bidding you have done so far you couldn't have a worse hand. With 4-3-3-3 distribution and a bare 15 points you most certainly don't want to accept any invitation from partner. So you pass. As you see, 9 tricks are not going to come easily.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ J 6 2
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ K Q J 4
♣ A Q

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

4 ❤ by South

♠ Q 10 9 3
 ♥ K 8 7 3
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ 7 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 7 5 4
 ♥ 6 4 2
 ♦ 9 8 2
 ♣ 5 3

♠ J 6 2
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ K Q J 4
♣ A Q

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
What do you bid?

You respond 2. Partner now says 3. What do you bid?

Partner has told you he has 4 ♥s and approximately 9 points. Add that to your 4 ♥s and 17 points and the total equals a game bid in ♥s. So you say 4 ♥.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J 4
 ♥ A 10 9 5
 ♦ J 7 3
 ♣ A Q

6
 17 9
 8

N
W E
S

♠ 8 3
 ♥ K 8 7
 ♦ K 9 6 5 2
 ♣ 7 6 4

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

♠ 7 5 2
 ♥ Q J 4 2
 ♦ A
 ♣ J 10 9 5 2

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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
 What do you bid?

When you have 4 cards in both Majors you respond 2 ♥. Partner bids 2 NT. What is your next bid?

Partner would never bid Stayman without a 4-card Major. Since he did not like your ♥ bid it is clear that his 4-card Major must be ♠s. His 2 NT bid was an invitation for you to bid 3 NT, which means he has about 9 points. Knowing that partner has 9 points and 4 ♠s, your call is clear : 4 ♠.

Deal 5

North Deals	♠ K J 4
None Vul	♥ A 8
	♦ Q J 7 3
	♣ A Q 10 8
♠ 10 9 7 6 3	♠ 8
♥ 5 4 3	♥ J 7 2
♦ A K 4	♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ 4 3	♣ K J 6 5 2
¹⁷ 7 5 11	♠ A Q 5 2 ♥ K Q 10 9 6 ♦ 10 9 ♣ 9 7



West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣. What do you bid?

You do not have a 4-card Major. So your correct response is 2 ♦. Partner bids 2 ♥.

Partner has described a hand with 4 ♠s and 5 ♥s. You don't know his strength but it must be at least 9 points. You know that you have just a 7-card fit in both Majors, and since you have a full 17 points you bid 3 NT.

Deal 6West Deals
None Vul

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

8	♠ J 8 6 5 4 3
17 9	♥ A 8
6	♦ J 8 2
	♣ 8 7

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

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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
What do you bid?

Your 2 ♦ response tells partner you have no 4-card Major suit. Then he bids 2 ♥.
What do you say next?

Partner knows you do not have 4 ♥s, but he bid the suit anyway. He must have 5 of them and he must also have 4 ♠s (since he used Stayman). But it's the ♥s you are interested in. Partner has 5 and you have 3. So you know of an 8-card Major suit fit. And you also know you have a maximum 1 NT opening. So you say 4 ♥.