

**Deal 1**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

10 7  
13 10

N  
W E  
S

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

West      North      East      South  
Pass      1 ♥      Pass      1 ♦  
Pass      Pass      Pass      2 ♥  
2 ♥ by North

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

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

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

With 13 points you will open. You cannot bid 1 ♥ with only 4 of them, so you say 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♥ and it is your bid again.

Partner's response is forcing. He might have anywhere from 6 points to about 17. With a minimum opener and 4-card support for his Major suit you bid 2 ♥. Partner passes.

**Deal 2**

West Deals

None Vul

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

**10**  
**14**    **9**  
    7

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	Pass	1 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
1 NT by East			

partner's 1 NT bid DENIES a 4-card Major suit. And third, partner probably has something in ♣s since he has no 4-card Major and also didn't feel like supporting your ♦s.

So you pass and hope for the best.

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With that small doubleton in ♣s it is very tempting to rescue partner from 1 NT by bidding 2♠. There are three good reasons why you don't. First, bidding 1♦ followed by 2♠ is a REVERSE, which shows a strong hand, perhaps 16-17 points or more. Second, and even more important,

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 4  
♥ 10 6 4  
♦ K 10 9 6  
♣ 10 9 2

**18**  
**5 9**  
**8**

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

♠ 6 5 3  
♥ K 8 7 2  
♦ 8 7 3  
♣ K Q 5

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

The ♥ and ♠ suits look really good, but neither of them are 5 cards, so you open 1♣. Partner responds 1♥. What is your next bid?

Partner's bid shows 6-10 points and at least 4 ♥s. Since you now know there is an 8-card Major suit fit you revalue your hand, adding 2 more points for the singleton ♦.

That gives you 20 points; add partner's 6-T and you have enough for game. She who knows, goes, so you bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 4**

East Deals

None Vul

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

7  
7 15  
11

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

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

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

You have the right strength but the wrong distribution to open 1 NT. So you bid 1♣. Partner responds 1♠. What do you say next?

With partner's ♠ bid giving you a fit, your hand revalues to 18 points. If partner has only 6 or 7 points there is not enough for game, but if he has more than that then you should bid game.

When you are in-between like this you just invite. So you jump to 3♠. This tells partner to bid game if he has more than the minimum for his bid. He has 9 revalued points, so he bids 4♠.

**Deal 5**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

14  
6 6  
14

♠ Q 7 3  
♥ K 10 3  
♦ K 10 4  
♣ A Q 10 2

♠ A 5  
♥ 7 5 4 2  
♦ Q 9 8 7  
♣ 7 6 5

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

West      North      East      South  
Pass      2 NT      Pass      3 NT  
Pass      Pass      Pass  
3 NT by North

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

This is the one situation when you open a 3-card ♦ suit; two 4-card Majors, three ♦s and two ♣s, but not enough strength to open 1 NT.

Partner responds 2 NT. What do you bid?

Partner's bid shows 13-16 points, balanced. And most importantly, it denies holding a 4-card Major suit. So you do not consider bidding either your ♦s or ♠s, but just bid 3 NT.