

Deal 1 ♠ Q 5 4 3
North Deals ♥ K Q 10 9 8
None Vul

♦ A 5
♣ A Q

♠ A 10 9 7 2
♥ —
♦ 10 9 8
♣ K J 10 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ J 6
♥ A 6 5 3
♦ Q J 4 3
♣ 8 4 3

♠ K 8
♥ J 7 4 2
♦ K 7 6 2
♣ 9 6 5

West North East South
Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥
Pass 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♥
4 ♥ by North

Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Except for the ♠ weakness you have a nice hand. If partner can Help you in that suit then you want to be in game.

So you bid 2 ♠ and partner bids 4 ♥. Sometimes it is easy.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

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

9
 9 16
 6

West
 2 ♠
 3 ♥
 Pass
 4 ♠ by East

♠ J 7 6
 ♥ J 9 4
 ♦ K Q J 10 4
 ♣ J 5

W N
 E
 S

♠ A K Q 8 4
 ♥ 6 2
 ♦ 9 6 2
 ♣ A K 8

♠ 9 2
 ♥ Q 10 8 7
 ♦ A 7
 ♣ 9 7 6 4 3

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

Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You do have 9 points so you are inclined to bid game, but partner needs help in ♦s, and you are bankrupt there. But rather than just signing off, this hand gives you a way to temporize.

You bid 3 ♥, a bid not covered in the Summary, but which you hope partner will interpret as meaning: "I can't help you in ♦s, but I have some great ♥s."

Apparently partner interpreted it the way you wanted since he bid the game.