

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9
♥ K 10
♦ Q 9 8 6 3
♣ K 10 8 6

12
10 11
7

N
W E
S

♠ A K 6 5
♥ J 9 8 6 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A 3

♠ 10 3 2
♥ A Q 3 2
♦ A J 10
♣ 9 7 4

♠ J 8 7 4
♥ 7 5
♦ K 5 4
♣ Q J 5 2

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

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 1 ♠. It is your bid again.

You have good ♠ support but you must tell partner of your minimum hand. So you bid 2 ♠ and he passes.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8

♥ 9 7

♦ A J 10 9 5

♣ J 10 9 5

♠ A 10 6 5

♥ A K 8 6 4

♦ 7 2

♣ A 3


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

 ♠ K 9 7 3
 ♥ 5
 ♦ K Q 6 4
 ♣ Q 8 7 6

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

Naturally you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 1 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner has at least 4 ♠s and you have 4. So you have found the 8-card Major fit. Now it is a question of finding the right level. Your job is to further describe your hand as either minimum, medium, or maximum. With 17/18 points (revalued) you are a medium, so you jump to 3 ♠.

Partner bids the game.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8
 ♥ K 8 2
 ♦ 6 5 4 2
 ♣ A 9 5 3

12
 8 5
15

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

♠ 10 6 5 2
 ♥ J 6 4 3
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ 7 4 2

♠ A 4
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ K 10 9 7
 ♣ K Q J 8 6

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

Of course you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 2 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner has shown at least 11 points and you are forced to bid again. Since the ♥'s rank below ♠'s you can bid them with your minimum hand. Apparently that is just what partner wanted to hear since he jumps to 3 NT which you happily pass.

Deal 4
North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 7 5 3
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ K Q J
♣ 7

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

N
W E
S

♠ 6 2
13 ♥ K 9 7 3
8 8 ♦ A 8 4
11 ♣ A 9 8 3

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

You open 1 ♠ and partner responds 2 ♥.
What do you bid next?

Partner has shown 11+ points and at least 4 ♥s. Your hand revalues to 16 points in support of ♥s, where you know you have an 8-card fit or better. You bid 4 ♥ confidently.

Deal 5South Deals
None Vul**♠ Q 6**
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ A 9 7
♣ 10 8 5 4**♠ 9 4 2**
♥ A 9 4 2
♦ J 6 5
♣ J 6 2**9**
6 10
15

West North East South

Pass 1 NT Pass 1 ♠
Pass 4 ♠ Pass 3 ♠
Pass

4 ♠ by South

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

We all know you will open 1 ♠ with this hand. And after partner responds 1 NT what is your next bid?

With 6 of them you can rebid ♠s but you are too strong to say just 2 ♠. Your 17 points puts you in the Medium range where you make a jump. So you bid 3 ♠ and partner bids 4 ♠.