

Deal 1 ♠ A 9 7 5 3
North Deals ♥ Q J 10 5
None Vul ♦ 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



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

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

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

W	N	E	S
♦ A K 10 7 5 3	♠ J 8	♥ 10 6	♦ 8 4 3 2
♦ 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 ♠.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 5 4
♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 10 5

♠ A 10 2
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A 9 7



♠ K J 9 8 7 3
♥ —
♦ J 2
♣ 8 6 4 3 2

♠ 6
11
4 5
20
♦ A K 8 5
♣ K Q J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by South

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2 ♣. So you open 1 ♥ and partner responds 3 ♥. Now what?

You might bid 4 ♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4 NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid?

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6 ♥.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

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



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

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

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2 ♥ and he promptly raises to 4 ♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.