

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 8 4
♥ K 9 3
♦ 10 8 4 2
♣ 6 5

17
8 7
8

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ A 6 2
♥ 8 7 5
♦ A K Q
♣ A 10 9 8



♠ 9 3
♥ Q J 10 6 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ K Q 4

North

1 NT

2 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

2 NT

Pass

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

Partner's command is your wish - you say
2 ♥.

He now bids 2 NT. What do you say?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and
exactly 5 ♥. He asks that you take him
back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You do.
He is asking you to bid game if you have
17 points. You do.

So you bid 4 ♥.

With your 3-3-3-4 distribution you might
have been tempted to bid 3 NT instead of
4 ♥. It's a good thing you didn't, they
would have killed you in ♠s.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 4

♥ 10 6

♦ J 10 9 6 4

♣ A 10

♠ A K 9 7 5 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ 5 3

♣ 7 6



♠ J 6

♥ A 7 5

♦ A Q 7 2

♣ K J 8 3

♠ 2

♥ K Q J 9 3

♦ K 8

♣ Q 9 5 4 2

7
7 15
11

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♥

Pass

1 NT

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠ by East

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

The initial response to a transfer is really easy. You bid 2 ♠.

But what do you bid after partner then says 3 ♠?

Partner has 6 ♠s and you have 2. So a ♠ contract is fine.

Partner has 9 points and you have 15. So a game contract is too high.

You pass. And you're going to have to play great to make even 9 tricks!

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 5

♥ Q J

♦ 10 7 5 4

♣ J 3 2

7
8 8
17

♠ 8 7 3

♥ A K 10 8 7 2

♦ 9 3

♣ 6 5



♠ Q 9 4 2

♥ 4 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ Q 10 7 4

♠ A 6

♥ 9 6 5

♦ K Q J 2

♣ A K 9 8

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

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

You follow orders and say 2 ♥.

Partner follows up with 3 ♥. What do you
bid next?

Partner has 9 points and 6 ♥s. You have
17 points and 3 ♥s. That adds up to 26
points and 9 ♥s. You have enough points
for game and enough trumps to play ♥s
so you bid 4 ♥.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K Q J 2
♣ A K 9 8

8
17 9
6

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

♠ J 5 2
♥ A 8 3
♦ 10 8 6
♣ Q J 4 2



♠ K Q 4
♥ J 7 4 2
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ 6 5

♠ 10 9 8 7 3
♥ K Q 10
♦ A 4
♣ 10 7 3

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

You say 2 ♠ and partner rebids 2 NT.
What do you bid?

Partner has 9 points and a 5-card ♠ suit.
He is inviting you to choose a game if you
have maximum.

Since you have 17 points you accept the
invitation, but with only 2 ♠s you choose
3 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 3 2

♥ A 7 2

♦ 8 2

♣ Q 7 4

17
7 9
7

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ A K

♥ J 6 5

♦ A K J 4

♣ J 8 6 5



♠ Q 9 8 5 4

♥ K Q 10 8 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 3

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

2 ♠

Pass

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

You obey partner and bid 2 ♥ but he then
bids 2 ♠.

What do you bid?

Partner has told you that he has an
inviting, 9-point hand with 5 of each
Major. He wants you to choose a Major
and also decide whether to play game or
partscore.

Despite your ♠s being so beautiful there
are only two of them so you pick ♥s. And
since you have a maximum 17 points you
bid the game, 4 ♥.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 8 7 3
 ♥ K 10 9 6 5
 ♦ 7 5
 ♣ 9

8
 10 16
 6

West

2 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♠ by East

♠ 4

♥ 8 7 2

♦ Q 9 8 6

♣ A Q 7 4 3



♠ J 9 6 2

♥ J 3

♦ A 10 3 2

♣ 10 8 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

2 ♠

4 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

You say 2 ♠. Partner then bids 3 ♥. What
 do you bid?

Partner has a game forcing hand and is 5-
 5 in the Majors. He has asked you to
 choose one of them to bid game in.

With 3 of each you might be inclined to
 choose your stronger one, ♥s, but in fact
 that doesn't really matter since partner is
 probably stronger in ♠s.

What does matter is those minor suits. If
 the opening lead is a ♣ or ♦, which is very
 likely, you want the lead to be coming
 into your hand, not partner's. And in
 general you would prefer to have the
 stronger hand remain concealed. So you

bid 4 ♠ where you will be declarer, rather than 4 ♥ where partner would be declarer.