

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ K Q 9 7 3

♦ 7

♣ J 9

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♠ 9 8 3	
♥ J 5	
♦ J 10 9 8 5	
♣ 10 6 2	

8	♠ 7
17	♥ 6 2
2	♦ A 6 4
13	♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3♣ by South			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With two 5-card Majors of course you bid 2♦. Partner responds 3♣. What do you say now?

This wasn't according to your script. Partner was supposed to choose a Major. The reason he didn't, of course, is that he didn't like either one and figured you would be better in ♣s. So you pass.

Deal 2
West Deals
None Vul

<p>♠ K J 10 5 2 ♥ A 9 7 4 3 ♦ 6 2 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ A 6 ♥ K J 2 ♦ A J 8 5 4 ♣ J 8 3</p>
<p>♠ 9 3 ♥ Q 8 ♦ K Q 10 9 3 ♣ K Q 6 4</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 7 4 ♥ 10 6 5 ♦ 7 ♣ A 9 7 5 2</p>
<p>8 12 14 6</p>	

W N E S

West North East South

1♦ 2♦ 3♦ 3♠

Pass Pass Pass

3♠ by South

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You don't have a great hand but you DO have 4 ♠s. So don't let the opponents have a 3-level contract when your side has 9 ♠s. Bid 3♠.

Note: See the Law of Total Tricks Lesson on this topic.