



Deciding to Compete

Right Hand Opponent has opened 1♥. (What) would you bid on the following?

1

♠ A 3

♥ J

♦ A K 9 3 2

♣ Q J 10 8 7

Overall 2♦. Not suitable for X as no four-card spade suit.

2

♠ K 3

♥ 9 7 2

♦ A Q J 6

♣ K 6 3 2

PASS. Not X as no four-card spade suit. No five-card+ suit. Not enough for 1NT overcall. (Good for defence)

3

♠ 8 4

♥ Q J 9 6 3

♦ K 9 8 4

♣ 3 2

PASS. Opps probably won't finish in hearts.

4

♠ Q J 9 6

♥ Q

♦ K 9 8 4

♣ A Q 3 2

X to show four-card spade suit, shortage of hearts and support for the minor suits.

5

♠ K 3

♥ A 9 7 2

♦ A Q J 6

♣ K 6 3

Overcall 1NT to show balanced hand with 16-18 HCPs and heart stop.

6

♠ Q J 9 6

♥ 6 5

♦ K Q J

♣ A Q 3 2

X to show four-card spade suit, shortage of hearts and support for the minor suits. Be prepared for partner to pick diamonds, the holding is just good enough.



Responding to Partner's Double

North East South West

1♥ X P ?

As West, what will you reply with the following?

7

♠ A Q 5 3 2

♥ K 8

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ 10 8

8

♠ 5 4 3 2

♥ J 10

♦ 10 9 8 7

♣ K 7 2

9

♠ K 10 8

♥ A 2

♦ K 10 8 2

♣ J 7 3 2

You assume partner has an opening quality hand with a four-card spade suit: 4♠ showing game values

You assume partner has an opening quality hand with a four-card spade suit: 1♠ showing very poor values

Partner has an opening quality hand with a four-card spade suit: 2♣ response is safe, but minimum. Your heart suit has one, but only one, stop. 2NT is a little risky but more constructive. A bit more advanced is to bid 2♥, the enemy suit, asking partner to bid again, and inviting No Trumps IF partner also has a high card in hearts.