

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 7 6 5 4
♥ 9 6 4
♦ J 2
♣ J 4 3

16
4 12
8

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A J 10
♥ Q 10 7
♦ A 7 5
♣ K Q 10 9



♠ 8 3
♥ K 8 5
♦ K Q 10 9 6 4
♣ 7 2

North

2 NT

3 NT

East

1 ♣

Pass

ALL

South

2 ♦

3 ♥

Pass

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

With a good 6-card suit and 10 points you make a Weak Jump Overcall to 2 ♦. Partner says 2 NT.

The 2 NT bid is a standard response to a Weak 2-bid. It asks for the identification of any outside high-card if the Weak 2-bidder has more than a minimum. Here you are in the top range for your bid so you show your ♥ K.

That was apparently the missing link for partner, he now says 3 NT.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7 6 4
♥ Q J 6 5 3
♦ 10 5 4
♣ J

15
5 11
9

West	North	East	South
		1 ♣	2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

♠ A 8 5
♥ A K 7
♦ K J 6
♣ 10 8 6 4



♠ K Q 10 9 3 2
♥ 8 4 2
♦ A 7
♣ 9 2

♠ —
♥ 10 9
♦ Q 9 8 3 2
♣ A K Q 7 5 3

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

You might just try 4 ♠. Of course if partner has a minimum Weak Jump Overcall that will get you much too high. A better approach is to ask for more information from partner. The bid that asks is 2 NT. Partner replies 3 ♦.

Partner's 3 ♦ bid tells you two things. One, he is in the top half of his 6-11 point range. Two, he has a high card (Ace or King) in ♦s. When you construct a hand for him which contains 6 pretty good ♠s and the ♦ A you come up with a hand which will probably make game. Bid 4 ♠.