

Deal 1

North Deals ♠ K 3
 None Vul ♥ A Q 9 7 6 4
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ 9 7 3
 ♠ Q 10 5 2 ♠ J 9 4
 ♥ 10 ♥ J 8 3 2
 ♦ Q J 10 6 ♦ K 3 2
 ♣ Q J 4 2 ♣ K 10 5

9
8 8
15

♠ A 8 7 6
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A 9 7 4
 ♣ A 8 6



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by North

After opening 2 ♥ you reply to partner's Ougust 2 NT with 3 ♠, showing a maximum hand along with a good suit. Partner bids 4 ♥ and you pass.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ K J 9 6 4
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ Q 10 6

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

♠ J 5 2
♥ A Q 10 2
♦ 10 3
♣ J 9 5 3

♠ A Q 9 8 7 4
♥ 8 7 3
♦ 7 5
♣ K 4

West	North	East	South
		Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by South			

Before you read this lesson you might have just jumped to a Blackwood 4 NT. But now you bid an Overcall 2 NT. Partner rebids 3 ♠. What do you bid next?

Wow! Partner has a maximum Weak 2-bid and a good trump suit, no doubt headed by the A Q. If he also has the ♥ A you might be cold for 7 ♠. Bid Blackwood if you must, but you don't really need to since partner could not possibly have The ♥ A AND ♠ A Q x x x x. Too many points for a Weak 2-bid. So you bid 6 ♠.