

**Deal 1**  
West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 9 2  
♥ A J 3 2  
♦ 8 3  
♣ A 8 6 5

8  
12 4  
16

♠ 8 3  
♥ K 8 5  
♦ K Q 10 9 6 4  
♣ 7 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q 7 6 5 4  
♥ 9 6 4  
♦ J 2  
♣ J 4 3

♠ A J 10  
♥ Q 10 7  
♦ A 7 5  
♣ K Q 10 9

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

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

<sup>15</sup>  
5    11  
9

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

♠ A 8 5  
 ♥ A K 7  
 ♦ K J 6  
 ♣ 10 8 6 4

N  
 W   E  
 S

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

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

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 ♠.