

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 6 5 4

♥ 9 6 4

♦ J 2

♣ J 4 3

16
4 12
8

♠ A J 10

♥ Q 10 7

♦ A 7 5

♣ K Q 10 9



♠ K 9 2

♥ A J 3 2

♦ 8 3

♣ A 8 6 5

♠ 8 3

♥ K 8 5

♦ K Q 10 9 6 4

♣ 7 2

West

North

East

South

1♣

2♦

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3♥

Pass

3 NT

ALL

Pass

3 NT by North

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 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7 6 4
 ♥ Q J 6 5 3
 ♦ 10 5 4
 ♣ J

¹⁵
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
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♠ —
 ♥ 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 ♠.