

Deal 1South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 6 3
 ♥ 10 8 3
 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ J 9 3 2

16
 7 9
 8

	N		Q
W		E	
	S		

♥ J 9 7 5 4
 ♦ K J 10 2
 ♣ Q 10 4

♠ K 10 9 8 5 4
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ 9 6 4
 ♣ 7 5

West	North	East	South
			2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

Having opened 2 ♠, you reply to partner's Ougust 2 NT bid with 3 ♥, showing a maximum hand but with a poor suit. Partner says 4 ♠ and you pass.

Deal 2
West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7 4
♥ J 10 6
♦ J 10
♣ K Q J 10 3

6
9 10
15

♠ 10 6 2
♥ 8 4
♦ A Q 9 8 7 3
♣ 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 8 5
♥ K Q 9 3 2
♦ 2
♣ 9 6 5

♠ A 9 3
♥ A 7 5
♦ K 6 5 4
♣ A 8 2

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

You could just guess between pass, 3 NT, or 5 ♦.

But you use Ougust instead. Partner responds 3 ♦. What do you bid next?

Partner's 3 ♦ bid shows a minimum hand but a good suit, which should mean two of the top three honors. Your ♦ K tells you that partner has a 6-card ♦ suit headed by the A Q. With three outside Aces you can count 9 tricks - you bid 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ A 10 6 2
 ♥ Q 5 4
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ Q J 3 2

9
 9 6
 16

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 7 5
 ♥ K J 9 8 7
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ 10 5

♠ K J 9 4
 ♥ A 6 3
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ A K 7 6

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

Having opened 2 ♦, you reply to partner's August 2 NT bid with 3 NT, showing a ♦ suit headed by A K Q. Partner passes.

Deal 4

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



West	North	East	South
		Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

This is a perfect hand for Ogust - when you're not sure what to do! So you bid 2 NT. Partner responds 3 NT. What do you bid next?

Partner's 3 NT bid describes his hand exactly; ♥ A K Q x x x and nothing else. You MIGHT have a ♠ stopper, but they might be arranged so the defenders could take the first 5 ♠ tricks. So you bid the "safe" 4 ♥ game which depends only on a 3-2 trump split.