

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 7 6

♥ K 5

♦ A 9 7 4

♣ A 8 6

♠ J 9 4

♥ J 8 3 2

♦ K 3 2

♣ K 10 5



♠ Q 10 5 2

♥ 10

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ Q J 4 2

♠ K 3

♥ A Q 9 7 6 4

♦ 8 5

♣ 9 7 3

$$\begin{array}{c} 15 \\ 8 \quad 8 \\ 9 \end{array}$$
*West**North**East**South*

2 ♥

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

After opening 2 ♥ you reply to partner's Ogust 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

16
 7 8
 9

West

♠ K 10 3

♥ 5

♦ A K Q 9 4

♣ A 8 7 2

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♠ A Q 9 8 7 4

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ K 4

North

♠ J 5 2

♥ A Q 10 2

♦ 10 3

♣ J 9 5 3

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 Ogust 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 ♠.