

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q
♥ 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

♠ A 7 6 3
♥ 10 8 3
♦ Q 7
♣ J 9 3 2

♠ J 2
♥ A 6 2
♦ A 8 5 3
♣ A K 8 6

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<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			

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

Deal 2	♠ K Q 8 5		
South Deals	♥ K Q 9 3 2		
None Vul	♦ 2		
	♣ 9 6 5		
♠ 10 6 2	♠ A 9 3		
♥ 8 4	♥ A 7 5		
♦ A Q 9 8 7 3	♦ K 6 5 4		
♣ 7 4	♣ A 8 2		
	♠ J 7 4		
10	♥ J 10 6		
6 15	♦ J 10		
9	♣ K Q J 10 3		
West	North	East	South
			Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by East			

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

♦ 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

West North East South

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 8 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 10

♣ Q J

♠ 2

♥ A K Q 10 8 3

♦ 7 6 5

♣ 9 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 10 3

♥ 7 5

♦ A K Q 4

♣ A 8 7 2

9

9 15

7

♠ K 7 5

♥ J 9

♦ 9 8 3 2

♣ K 10 5 3

West

North

East

South
Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by West

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.