

**Deal 1**      ♠ K J 9 4  
South Deals    ♥ A 6 3  
None Vul        ♦ J 2  
                  ♣ A K 7 6

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



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

West        North        East        South  
Pass        2 NT        Pass        2 ♦  
Pass        Pass        Pass        3 NT  
3 NT by North

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 2**

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

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♠ 2
♥ A K Q 10 8 3
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 9 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		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.

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ Q 10 5 2	♦ Q J 10 6	♣ Q J 4 2
♥ 10		
♦ Q J 10 6		
♣ Q J 4 2		

9	8	15
8		
15		



♠ J 9 4	♦ K 3 2	♣ K 10 5
♥ J 8 3 2		
♦ K 3 2		
♣ K 10 5		

♠ A 8 7 6	♦ A 9 7 4	♣ A 8 6
♥ K 5		
♦ A 9 7 4		
♣ A 8 6		

<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

After opening 2 ♥ you reply to partner's Ougust 2 NT with 3 ♠, showing a maximum hand along with a good suit. Partner bids 4 ♥ and you pass.

**Deal 4**East Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>16</sup>  
 7 8  
 9

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	S	

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

♠ J 5 2  
 ♥ A Q 10 2  
 ♦ 10 3  
 ♣ J 9 5 3

♠ A Q 9 8 7 4  
 ♥ 8 7 3  
 ♦ 7 5  
 ♣ K 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		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 Overcall 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 ♠.