

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 2
♥ K 3
♦ J 8 5 3
♣ J 10 7

♠ 8 3
♥ Q J 9 7 6 4
♦ K 7
♣ 9 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ 10 8 2
♦ Q 9 2
♣ Q 5 3

6
9 10
15
♠ 9 7 5
♥ A 5
♦ A 10 6 4
♣ A K 8 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 ♥ by North

At favorable vulnerability you decided to open 2 ♥.

In reply to partner's Ougust 2 NT you say 3 ♣, showing a minimum hand along with a poor suit. Partner says 3 ♥ and you gratefully pass.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

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

15
 8 11
 6

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	S	

♠ A 7 5
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ A 10 6 4
 ♣ A K 8 2

♠ K J 6 4
 ♥ Q J 2
 ♦ Q 9 2
 ♣ Q 5 3

♠ 8 3
 ♥ K 10 9 7 6 4
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ 9 6 4

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

With four top tricks it is tempting to go straight to 4 ♥.

But you use discretion and bid an Oust 2 NT instead. Partner responds 3 ♣. What do you bid next?

Partner's 3 ♣ bid shows a weak hand and a poor suit. So you reluctantly settle for 3 ♥.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 8 5 4	♦ 7 6 4
♥ 8 5	♣ 9 2

♠ 9	♦ 7 6 3
♥ K J 9 7 4	♥ Q 10 3

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

N
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♠ A 7 6 3
♥ Q 10 3
♦ Q 9
♣ J 7 4 3

♣ A K 8 6

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

At favorable vulnerability you decided to open 2 ♠.

In reply to partner's Oust 2 NT you say 3 ♦, showing a minimum hand along with a good suit. Partner says 3 ♠ and you pass.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 2
♥ 10 7
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ Q J 5 3

15
10 7
8

♠ K 6
♥ A 8 5
♦ A 10 6 4
♣ A 9 8 2

N
W E
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♠ 10 4
♥ J 9 6 4 2
♦ K 3 2
♣ K 7 6

♠ Q J 8 7 5 3
♥ K Q 3
♦ 9 7
♣ 10 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

With three top tricks it is tempting to go straight to 4 ♠.

But you use discretion and bid an Oust 2 NT instead. Partner responds 3 ♥. What do you bid next?

Partner's 3 ♥ bid shows a maximum hand and a poor suit. Your ♠ K should be enough help for the suit, and with three outside Aces you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 5North 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

<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 6
West Deals
None Vul

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

N
W E
S

West	North	East	South
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.