

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

North Deals	♠ K 7 5
None Vul	♥ J 9
	♦ 9 8 3 2
	♣ K 10 5 3

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

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 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 4
 ♥ J 8 3 2
 ♦ K 3 2
 ♣ K 10 5

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 8 8
 9

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	S	

♠ A 8 7 6
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A 9 7 4
 ♣ A 8 6

♠ 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

<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 South			

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

South Deals	♠ 6
None Vul	♥ K J 9 6 4
	♦ J 8 6 2
	♣ Q 10 6

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

W	N
S	E

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

West	North	East	South
			Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
6 ♠ by West			

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 ♠.

Deal 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♦ A K 7 6

♠ 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

♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2

♠ 8 3

♥ 10 2

♦ A K Q 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

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6 9

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 7 5
♥ J 9
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ K 10 5 3

♠ Q 10 3
♥ 7 5
♦ A K Q 4
♣ A 8 7 2

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15 9

N
W E
S

♠ 2
♥ A K Q 10 8 3
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 9 6 4

♠ A J 9 8 6 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ J 10
♣ Q J

Deal 7 ♠ A 8 7 6

South Deals ♥ K 5

Both Vul ♦ A 9 7 4

♣ A 8 6

♠ J 9 4

♥ J 8 3 2

♦ K 3 2

♣ K 10 5

N
W E
S

♠ 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

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8 8

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Deal 8

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



Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 9 4

♥ A 6 3

♦ J 2

♣ A K 7 6

♠ Q 7 5

♥ K J 9 8 7

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 10 5

N
W S E

♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2

♠ 8 3

♥ 10 2

♦ A K Q 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

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6 9

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 7 5
♥ J 9
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ K 10 5 3

♠ Q 10 3
♥ 7 5
♦ A K Q 4
♣ A 8 7 2

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15 9

N
W E
S

♠ 2
♥ A K Q 10 8 3
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 9 6 4

♠ A J 9 8 6 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ J 10
♣ Q J

Deal 11 ♠ A 8 7 6

South Deals ♥ K 5

None Vul ♦ A 9 7 4

♣ A 8 6

♠ J 9 4

♥ J 8 3 2

♦ K 3 2

♣ K 10 5

N
W E
S

♠ 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

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Deal 12

West Deals	♠ 6
N-S Vul	♥ K J 9 6 4
	♦ J 8 6 2
	♣ Q 10 6
♠ A Q 9 8 7 4	♠ K 10 3
♥ 8 7 3	♥ 5
♦ 7 5	♦ A K Q 9 4
♣ K 4	♣ A 8 7 2
9 7 8	♠ J 5 2
16	♥ A Q 10 2
	♦ 10 3
	♣ J 9 5 3



Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 9 4

♥ A 6 3

♦ J 2

♣ A K 7 6

♠ Q 7 5

♥ K J 9 8 7

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 10 5

N
W S E

♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2

♠ 8 3

♥ 10 2

♦ A K Q 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

16
6 9

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 5
♥ J 9
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ K 10 5 3

♠ Q 10 3
♥ 7 5
♦ A K Q 4
♣ A 8 7 2

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15 9

N
W E
S

♠ 2
♥ A K Q 10 8 3
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 9 6 4

♠ A J 9 8 6 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ J 10
♣ Q J

Deal 15 ♠ A 8 7 6

South Deals ♥ K 5

N-S Vul ♦ A 9 7 4

♣ A 8 6

♠ J 9 4

♥ J 8 3 2

♦ K 3 2

♣ K 10 5

W N
S E

♠ 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

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Deal 16

West Deals ♠ 6

 ♥ K J 9 6 4

E-W Vul ♦ J 8 6 2

 ♣ Q 10 6

♠ A Q 9 8 7 4

 ♥ 8 7 3

 ♦ 7 5

 ♣ K 4

N
W E
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

9 7
8 16

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 4

♥ A 6 3

♦ J 2

♣ A K 7 6

♠ Q 7 5

♥ K J 9 8 7

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 10 5

N
W S E

♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2

♠ 8 3

♥ 10 2

♦ A K Q 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

16
6 9

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 7 5
♥ J 9
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ K 10 5 3

♠ Q 10 3
♥ 7 5
♦ A K Q 4
♣ A 8 7 2

7
15 9

N
W E
S

♠ 2
♥ A K Q 10 8 3
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 9 6 4

♠ A J 9 8 6 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ J 10
♣ Q J

Deal 19 ♠ A 8 7 6

South Deals

♥ K 5

E-W Vul

♦ A 9 7 4

♣ A 8 6

♠ J 9 4

♥ J 8 3 2

♦ K 3 2

♣ K 10 5

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 5 2

♥ 10

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ Q J 4 2

♠ K 3

15
8 8

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♣ 9 7 3

Deal 20

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

N
W E
S

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♦ J 2

♣ A K 7 6

♠ Q 7 5

♥ K J 9 8 7

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 10 5

N
W S E

♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2

♠ 8 3

♥ 10 2

♦ A K Q 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

16
6 9

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 7 5
♥ J 9
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ K 10 5 3

♠ Q 10 3
♥ 7 5
♦ A K Q 4
♣ A 8 7 2

7
15 9

N
W E
S

♠ 2
♥ A K Q 10 8 3
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 9 6 4

♠ A J 9 8 6 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ J 10
♣ Q J

Deal 23

South Deals

Both 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

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Deal 24

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

N
W E
S

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 9 4

♥ A 6 3

♦ J 2

♣ A K 7 6

♠ Q 7 5

♥ K J 9 8 7

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 10 5

N
W S E

♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2

♠ 8 3

♥ 10 2

♦ A K Q 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

16
6 9

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 7 5
♥ J 9
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ K 10 5 3

♠ Q 10 3
♥ 7 5
♦ A K Q 4
♣ A 8 7 2

7
15 9

N
W E
S

♠ 2
♥ A K Q 10 8 3
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 9 6 4

♠ A J 9 8 6 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ J 10
♣ Q J

Deal 27

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

N
W E
S

♠ 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

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Deal 28

West Deals	♠ 6
N-S Vul	♥ K J 9 6 4
	♦ J 8 6 2
	♣ Q 10 6
♠ A Q 9 8 7 4	♠ K 10 3
♥ 8 7 3	♥ 5
♦ 7 5	♦ A K Q 9 4
♣ K 4	♣ A 8 7 2
9 7 8 16	♠ J 5 2
	♥ A Q 10 2
	♦ 10 3
	♣ J 9 5 3

N
W E
S

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 9 4

♥ A 6 3

♦ J 2

♣ A K 7 6

♠ Q 7 5

♥ K J 9 8 7

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 10 5

N
W S E

♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2

♠ 8 3

♥ 10 2

♦ A K Q 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

16
6 9

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 5
♥ J 9
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ K 10 5 3

♠ Q 10 3
♥ 7 5
♦ A K Q 4
♣ A 8 7 2

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15 9

N
W E
S

♠ 2
♥ A K Q 10 8 3
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 9 6 4

♠ A J 9 8 6 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ J 10
♣ Q J

Deal 31 ♠ A 8 7 6

South Deals ♥ K 5

N-S Vul ♦ A 9 7 4

♣ A 8 6

♠ J 9 4

♥ J 8 3 2

♦ K 3 2

♣ K 10 5

N
W E
S

♠ 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

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8 8

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Deal 32

West Deals	♠ 6
E-W Vul	♥ K J 9 6 4
	♦ J 8 6 2
	♣ Q 10 6
♠ A Q 9 8 7 4	♠ K 10 3
♥ 8 7 3	♥ 5
♦ 7 5	♦ A K Q 9 4
♣ K 4	♣ A 8 7 2
9 7 8 16	♠ J 5 2
	♥ A Q 10 2
	♦ 10 3
	♣ J 9 5 3



Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 4

♥ A 6 3

♦ J 2

♣ A K 7 6

♠ Q 7 5

♥ K J 9 8 7

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 10 5

N
W S E

♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2

♠ 8 3

♥ 10 2

♦ A K Q 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

16
6 9

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 7 5
♥ J 9
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ K 10 5 3

♠ Q 10 3
♥ 7 5
♦ A K Q 4
♣ A 8 7 2

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15 9

N
W E
S

♠ 2
♥ A K Q 10 8 3
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 9 6 4

♠ A J 9 8 6 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ J 10
♣ Q J

Deal 35 ♠ A 8 7 6

South Deals ♥ K 5

E-W Vul ♦ A 9 7 4

♣ A 8 6

♠ J 9 4

♥ J 8 3 2

♦ K 3 2

♣ K 10 5

N
W E
S

♠ 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

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Deal 36

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

N
W E
S