

Deal 1
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

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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.

Deal 2

North Deals ♠ 8 3
 None Vul ♥ 10 2
 ♦ A K Q 10 6 4
 ♣ 9 8 4

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



♠ K J 9 4
 ♥ A 6 3
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ A K 7 6

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

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 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 4
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ K 3 2
♣ K 10 5

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W E
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♠ 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

West North East South
Pass 2 NT Pass 2 ♥
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 5East Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
 ♥ K J 9 6 4
 ♦ J 8 6 2
 ♣ Q 10 6

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 7 8
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♠ 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

West	North	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 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 ♠.