

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

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

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

10	15
9	
6	



♠ K J 10 2	♦ K 3
♥ K 3	♦ J 8 5 3
♦ J 8 5 3	♣ J 10 7

♠ 8 3	
♥ Q J 9 7 6 4	
♦ K 7	
♣ 9 6 4	

West	North	East	South
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2 ♥

Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
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Pass	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
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Pass

3 ♥ by South

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3 ♣]

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 poor suit. Partner says 3 ♥ and you gratefully pass.

**Deal 2**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 4

♥ Q J 2

♦ Q 9 2

♣ Q 5 3

6  
11 8  
15

♠ 8 3  
♥ K 10 9 7 6 4  
♦ K 7  
♣ 9 6 4

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♥ by North			

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 2 NT]

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? [BID 3 ♥]

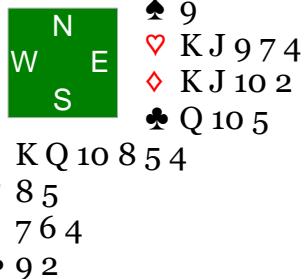
Partner's 3 ♣ bid shows a weak hand and a poor suit. So you reluctantly settle for 3 ♥.

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 7 6 3  
 ♥ Q 10 3  
 ♦ Q 9  
 ♣ J 7 4 3

**16**  
 9    10  
 5

♠ 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	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♠ by South			

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3 ♦]

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 4**West Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
 7 10  
 15

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

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

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

<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 North			

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 2 NT]

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

But you use discretion and bid an Ogust 2 NT instead. Partner responds 3 ♥. What do you bid next? [BID 4 ♠]

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 5**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

**16**  
**7 9**  
**8**

♠ J 2  
♥ A 6 2  
♦ A 8 5 3  
♣ A K 8 6

♠ 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

<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			

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3 ♥]

Having opened 2 ♠, you reply to partner's 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  
 ♥ J 10 6  
 ♦ J 10  
 ♣ K Q J 10 3

6  
 9 10  
 15

N  
 W E  
 S

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

♠ K Q 8 5  
 ♥ K Q 9 3 2  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ 9 6 5

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

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

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 2 NT]

You could just guess between pass, 3 NT, or 5 ♦.

But you use Ougust instead. Partner responds 3 ♦. What do you bid next? [BID 3 NT]

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 7**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

N  
W E  
S

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

West      North      East      South  
16  
6 9  
9

Pass      2 NT      Pass      3 NT  
Pass      Pass      Pass  
3 NT by North

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3 NT]

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 8**West Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
 7 9  
 15

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

N  
 W E  
 S

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

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

<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 North			

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 2 NT]

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? [BID 4 ♥]

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 9**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

15  
8 8  
9

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

<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			

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3 ♠]

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

**Deal 10**

West Deals

None Vul

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

9  
8 7  
16

♠ A Q 9 8 7 4

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ K 4

W	N	E	S
♠ 6	♥ K J 9 6 4	♦ J 8 6 2	♣ Q 10 6

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

<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 North

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 2 NT]

Before you read this lesson you might have just jumped to a Blackwood 4 NT. But now you bid an Ogust 2 NT. Partner rebids 3 ♠. What do you bid next? [BID 6 ♠]

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 ♠.