

**Deal 1**

North 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 2**  
West Deals  
None Vul

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

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 3**  
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

♠ 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

West      North      East      South  
16  
6 9  
9  
Pass      2 NT      Pass      3 NT  
Pass      Pass      Pass  
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 4**

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

N  
W E  
S

15	♠ 2
9 7	♥ A K Q 10 8 3
9	♦ 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.