

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 7 4**♥ J 10 6****♦ J 10****♣ K Q J 10 3****♠ 10 6 2****♥ 8 4****♦ A Q 9 8 7 3****♣ 7 4***West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 NT

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

3 NT

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

3 NT by North

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 2West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 7 5
 ♥ K J 9 8 7
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ 10 5

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

N
 W E
 S

♠ K J 9 4
 ♥ A 6 3
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ A K 7 6

6
 9 16
 9

♠ A 10 6 2
 ♥ Q 5 4
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ Q J 3 2

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

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

N
W E
S

♠ 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

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



8
9 15
8

♠ Q 10 5 2

♥ 10

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ Q J 4 2

<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 West			

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 5

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

	N	
W		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

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 ♠.