

**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 3**South Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>15</sup>  
 8 8  
 9

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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

<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 ♠.