

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 2
♥ K 3
♦ J 8 5 3
♣ J 10 7

♠ 8 3
♥ Q J 9 7 6 4
♦ K 7
♣ 9 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ 10 8 2
♦ Q 9 2
♣ Q 5 3

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

<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 North

At favorable vulnerability you decided to open 2 ♥.

In reply to partner's Ougust 2 NT you say 3 ♣, showing a minimum hand along with a poor suit. Partner says 3 ♥ and you gratefully pass.

Deal 2North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 5
♥ 8 5
♦ A 10 6 4
♣ A K 8 2

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15 6
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	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 3
♥ K 10 9 7 6 4
♦ K 7
♣ 9 6 4

♠ Q 10 9 2
♥ A 3
♦ J 8 5 3
♣ J 10 7

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

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?

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

Deal 3South 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

	N		
W		E	
	S		

♠ 9
 ♥ K J 9 7 4
 ♦ K J 10 2
 ♣ Q 10 5

♠ K Q 10 8 5 4
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ 7 6 4
 ♣ 9 2

West	North	East	South
			2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♠ by South			

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
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q J 8 7 5 3 ♥ K Q 3 ♦ 9 7 ♣ 10 4	♠ A 9 2 ♥ 10 7 ♦ Q J 8 5 ♣ Q J 5 3
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10 8 15 7	♠ 10 4 ♥ J 9 6 4 2 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ K 7 6
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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2 ♠ 3 ♥ Pass	Pass	2 NT 4 ♠ Pass	Pass
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4 ♠ by West

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?

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 5North 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 Ougust 2 NT bid with 3 ♥, showing a maximum hand but with a poor suit. Partner says 4 ♠ and you pass.

Deal 6	♠ K Q 8 5		
South Deals	♥ K Q 9 3 2		
None Vul	♦ 2		
	♣ 9 6 5		
♠ 10 6 2	♠ A 9 3		
♥ 8 4	♥ A 7 5		
♦ A Q 9 8 7 3	♦ K 6 5 4		
♣ 7 4	♣ A 8 2		
	♠ J 7 4		
10	♥ J 10 6		
6 15	♦ J 10		
9	♣ K Q J 10 3		
West	North	East	South
			Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by East			

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 7

North Deals

None Vul

♦ A K Q 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2



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West North East South

2 ♦

Pass

2 NT

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 8

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 8 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 10

♣ Q J

♠ 2

♥ A K Q 10 8 3

♦ 7 6 5

♣ 9 6 4



♠ 9

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♥ J 9

♦ 9 8 3 2

♣ K 10 5 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by West

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 9

North Deals
None Vul

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

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



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♠ A 8 7 6
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A 9 7 4
 ♣ A 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

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 10

North Deals	♠ J 5 2		
None Vul	♥ A Q 10 2		
	♦ 10 3		
	♣ J 9 5 3		
♠ K 10 3	♠ A Q 9 8 7 4		
♥ 5	♥ 8 7 3		
♦ A K Q 9 4	♦ 7 5		
♣ A 8 7 2	♣ K 4		
	♠ 6		
16 9 8	♥ K J 9 6 4		
7	♦ J 8 6 2		
	♣ Q 10 6		
West	North	East	South
	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 ♠ by East			

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 ♠.