

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

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| <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

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

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| 11 | ♠ Q 10 9 2 |
| 15 | ♥ A 3 |
| 6 | ♦ J 8 5 3 |
| 8 | ♣ 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 | | | |



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

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

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| | N | | |
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| | 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

| <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 | | | |

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

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

West North East South
2 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass
4 ♠ by West

With three 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 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> |
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| | 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.

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| 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.