

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 8 5

♥ K Q 9 3 2

♦ 2

♣ 9 6 5

♠ A 9 3

♥ A 7 5

♦ K 6 5 4

♣ A 8 2



♠ 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 2

North Deals ♠ 8 3
 None Vul ♥ 10 2
 ♦ A K Q 10 6 4
 ♣ 9 8 4

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



♠ K J 9 4

♥ A 6 3

♦ J 2

♣ A K 7 6

9
9
16

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

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 5
♥ J 9
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ K 10 5 3

9
7 9
15

♠ 2
♥ A K Q 10 8 3
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 9 6 4

N
W E
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♠ A J 9 8 6 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ J 10
♣ Q J

♠ Q 10 3
♥ 7 5
♦ A K Q 4
♣ A 8 7 2

<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 North			

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
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

15
 8 8
 9

♠ 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 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

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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 ♠.