

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

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

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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 ♠.

Deal 6

East Deals	♠ A 9 3
E-W Vul	♥ A 7 5
	♦ K 6 5 4
	♣ A 8 2
♠ K Q 8 5	♠ J 7 4
♥ K Q 9 3 2	♥ J 10 6
♦ 2	♦ J 10
♣ 9 6 5	♣ K Q J 10 3

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

N
W E
S

Deal 7

South Deals

Both 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

♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2

6
9 16
9

Deal 8 ♠ Q 10 3

West Deals

♥ 7 5

None Vul

♦ A K Q 4

♣ A 8 7 2

♠ A J 9 8 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 10

♣ Q J



♠ K 7 5

♥ J 9

♦ 9 8 3 2

♣ K 10 5 3

♠ 2

♥ A K Q 10 8 3

♦ 7 6 5

♣ 9 6 4

15
9 7
9

Deal 9 ♠ J 9 4
North Deals ♥ J 8 3 2
E-W Vul ♦ K 3 2
 ♣ K 10 5

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

W E
 S

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 10
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ Q J 4 2

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q 9 8 7 4

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ K 4

♠ J 5 2

♥ A Q 10 2

♦ 10 3

♣ J 9 5 3

N
W S E

♠ 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

9
8 7
16

Deal 11

South Deals	♠ A 9 3
None Vul	♥ A 7 5
	♦ K 6 5 4
	♣ A 8 2
♠ K Q 8 5	♠ J 7 4
♥ K Q 9 3 2	♥ J 10 6
♦ 2	♦ J 10
♣ 9 6 5	♣ K Q J 10 3
	♠ 10 6 2
10 15 9 6	♥ 8 4
	♦ A Q 9 8 7 3
	♣ 7 4



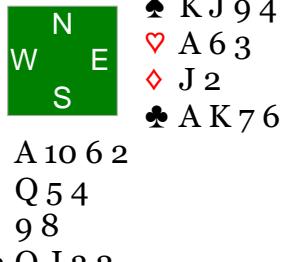
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West Deals

N-S 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



♠ K J 9 4
♥ A 6 3
♦ J 2
♣ A K 7 6

♠ A 10 6 2
♥ Q 5 4
♦ 9 8
♣ Q J 3 2

Deal 13 ♠ Q 10 3

North Deals ♥ 7 5

Both Vul ♦ A K Q 4

♣ A 8 7 2

♠ A J 9 8 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 10

♣ Q J

N
W E
S

♠ K 7 5

♥ J 9

♦ 9 8 3 2

♣ K 10 5 3

♠ 2

♥ A K Q 10 8 3

♦ 7 6 5

♣ 9 6 4

15
9 7
9

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 4

♥ J 8 3 2

♦ K 3 2

♣ K 10 5

♠ K 3

♥ A Q 9 7 6 4

♦ 8 5

♣ 9 7 3



♠ 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

8

9 15

8

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q 9 8 7 4

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ K 4

♠ J 5 2

♥ A Q 10 2

♦ 10 3

♣ J 9 5 3

♠ 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

9

8

16

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 9 3

♥ A 7 5

♦ K 6 5 4

♣ A 8 2

♠ K Q 8 5

♥ K Q 9 3 2

♦ 2

♣ 9 6 5

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

15
10 9
6

Deal 17

North 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

♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2

6
9 16
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Deal 18 ♠ Q 10 3
East Deals ♥ 7 5
N-S Vul ♦ 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
15
9 7
9
♦ 7 6 5
♣ 9 6 4

Deal 19 ♠ J 9 4
South Deals ♥ J 8 3 2
E-W Vul ♦ K 3 2
 ♣ K 10 5

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

W E
 S

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 10
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ Q J 4 2

Deal 20 ♠ A Q 9 8 7 4

West Deals ♥ 8 7 3

Both Vul ♦ 7 5

♣ K 4

♠ J 5 2

♥ A Q 10 2

♦ 10 3

♣ J 9 5 3

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

9
8 7
16

Deal 21 ♠ A 9 3
North Deals ♥ A 7 5
N-S Vul ♦ K 6 5 4
 ♣ A 8 2

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

N
W E
S

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

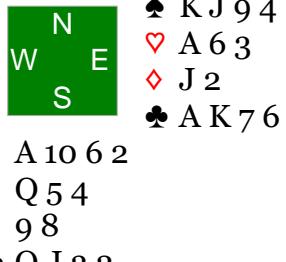
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East Deals

E-W 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



♠ K J 9 4
♥ A 6 3
♦ J 2
♣ A K 7 6

♠ A 10 6 2
♥ Q 5 4
♦ 9 8
♣ Q J 3 2

Deal 23 ♠ Q 10 3

South Deals

♥ 7 5

Both Vul

♦ A K Q 4

♣ A 8 7 2

♠ A J 9 8 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 10

♣ Q J



♠ K 7 5

♥ J 9

♦ 9 8 3 2

♣ K 10 5 3

♠ 2

♥ A K Q 10 8 3

♦ 7 6 5

♣ 9 6 4

15
9 7
9

Deal 24 ♠ J 9 4
West Deals ♥ J 8 3 2
None Vul ♦ 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

N
W E
S

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 10
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ Q J 4 2

Deal 25 ♠ A Q 9 8 7 4

North Deals ♥ 8 7 3

E-W Vul ♦ 7 5

♣ K 4

♠ J 5 2

♥ A Q 10 2

♦ 10 3

♣ J 9 5 3

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

9
8 7
16

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 9 3
♥ A 7 5
♦ K 6 5 4
♣ A 8 2

♠ K Q 8 5
♥ K Q 9 3 2
♦ 2
♣ 9 6 5

15
10 **9**
 6

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

Deal 27

South 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



♠ K J 9 4

♥ A 6 3

♦ J 2

♣ A K 7 6

♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2

6
9 16
9

Deal 28 ♠ Q 10 3

West Deals ♥ 7 5

N-S Vul ♦ A K Q 4

♣ A 8 7 2

♠ A J 9 8 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 10

♣ Q J

N
W E
S

♠ K 7 5

♥ J 9

♦ 9 8 3 2

♣ K 10 5 3

♠ 2

♥ A K Q 10 8 3

♦ 7 6 5

♣ 9 6 4

15
9 7
9

Deal 29 ♠ J 9 4
North Deals ♥ J 8 3 2
Both Vul ♦ K 3 2
 ♣ K 10 5

♠ K 3 ♠ A 8 7 6
♥ A Q 9 7 6 4 N
♦ 8 5 W E
♣ 9 7 3 S

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

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 9 8 7 4

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ K 4

♠ J 5 2

♥ A Q 10 2

♦ 10 3

♣ J 9 5 3

N
W S E

♠ 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

9
8 7
16

Deal 31

South Deals	♠ A 9 3
N-S Vul	♥ A 7 5
	♦ K 6 5 4
	♣ A 8 2
♠ K Q 8 5	♠ J 7 4
♥ K Q 9 3 2	♥ J 10 6
♦ 2	♦ J 10
♣ 9 6 5	♣ K Q J 10 3
15 10 9 6	♠ 10 6 2 ♥ 8 4 ♦ A Q 9 8 7 3 ♣ 7 4



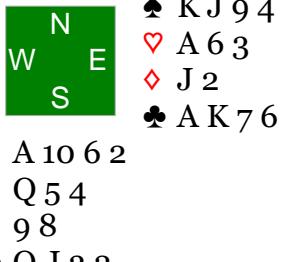
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West Deals

E-W 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



♠ K J 9 4
♥ A 6 3
♦ J 2
♣ A K 7 6

♠ A 10 6 2
♥ Q 5 4
♦ 9 8
♣ Q J 3 2

Deal 33 ♠ Q 10 3

North Deals

♥ 7 5

None Vul

♦ A K Q 4

♣ A 8 7 2

♠ A J 9 8 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 10

♣ Q J

N
W E
S

♠ K 7 5

♥ J 9

♦ 9 8 3 2

♣ K 10 5 3

♠ 2

15
9 7
9

♥ A K Q 10 8 3

♦ 7 6 5

♣ 9 6 4

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 9 4

♥ J 8 3 2

♦ K 3 2

♣ K 10 5

♠ K 3

♥ A Q 9 7 6 4

♦ 8 5

♣ 9 7 3

W N E S

♠ A 8 7 6

♥ K 5

♦ A 9 7 4

♣ A 8 6

8

9

8

♠ Q 10 5 2

♥ 10

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ Q J 4 2

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q 9 8 7 4

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ K 4

♠ J 5 2

♥ A Q 10 2

♦ 10 3

♣ J 9 5 3

♠ 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

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