

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 6 4**♥ 10 8 2****♦ Q 9 2****♣ Q 5 3****♠ 9 7 5****♥ A 5****♦ A 10 6 4****♣ A K 8 2****♠ 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****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 August 2 NT you say 3 ♣, showing a minimum hand along with a poor suit. Partner says 3 ♥ and you gratefully pass.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

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

15
 8 11
 6

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♠ A 7 5
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ A 10 6 4
 ♣ A K 8 2

♠ K J 6 4
 ♥ Q J 2
 ♦ Q 9 2
 ♣ Q 5 3

♠ 8 3
 ♥ K 10 9 7 6 4
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ 9 6 4

<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 South			

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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	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 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 2
♥ 10 7
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ Q J 5 3

15
10 7
8

♠ K 6
♥ A 8 5
♦ A 10 6 4
♣ A 9 8 2

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♠ 10 4
♥ J 9 6 4 2
♦ K 3 2
♣ K 7 6

♠ Q J 8 7 5 3
♥ K Q 3
♦ 9 7
♣ 10 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

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 5South Deals
None Vul

♠ 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

♠ 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

16
 7 9
 8
 West North East South

2 ♠

Pass 2 NT Pass 3 ♥
 Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

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.