

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 5

♥ K J 9 8 7

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 10 5

16
6 9
9

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ K J 9 4

♥ A 6 3

♦ J 2

♣ A K 7 6



♠ 8 3

♥ 10 2

♦ A K Q 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

3 NT

Having opened 2 ♦, you reply to partner's Ogust 2 NT bid with 3 NT, showing a ♦ suit headed by A K Q. Partner passes.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 3

♥ 7 5

♦ 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

*West**North**East**South*

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 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 5 2

♥ 10

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ Q J 4 2

9
8 8
15

♠ K 3

♥ A Q 9 7 6 4

♦ 8 5

♣ 9 7 3

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♠ A 8 7 6

♥ K 5

♦ A 9 7 4

♣ A 8 6

♠ J 9 4

♥ J 8 3 2

♦ K 3 2

♣ K 10 5

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♥

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

After opening 2 ♥ you reply to partner's Ogust 2 NT with 3 ♠, showing a maximum hand along with a good suit. Partner bids 4 ♥ and you pass.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
 ♥ K J 9 6 4
 ♦ J 8 6 2
 ♣ Q 10 6

16
 7 8
 9

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

♠ K 10 3

♥ 5

♦ A K Q 9 4

♣ A 8 7 2



♠ A Q 9 8 7 4

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ K 4

North

2 NT

6 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

Before you read this lesson you might have just jumped to a Blackwood 4 NT. But now you bid an Ogust 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 ♠.