

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 6 3

♥ 10 8 3

♦ Q 7

♣ J 9 3 2

16

7 9

8

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ J 2

♥ A 6 2

♦ A 8 5 3

♣ A K 8 6



♠ K 10 9 8 5 4

♥ K Q

♦ 9 6 4

♣ 7 5

*North*

2 NT

4 ♠

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

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.

**Deal 2**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 4  
 ♥ J 10 6  
 ♦ J 10  
 ♣ K Q J 10 3

6  
 9 10  
 15

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



♠ 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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

You could just guess between pass, 3 NT, or 5♦.

But you use Ogust 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 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2

9  
9 6  
16

*West*

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 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

*North*

2 ♦

3 NT

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 NT

Pass

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 4**

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.