

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 9 4

♥ A 6 3

♦ J 2

♣ A K 7 6

♠ Q 7 5

♥ K J 9 8 7

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 10 5



♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2

♠ 8 3

♥ 10 2

♦ A K Q 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

16
6 9
9

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 NT

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT

3 NT by North

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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 3
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ A K Q 4
 ♣ A 8 7 2

7
 15 9
 9

♠ K 7 5
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ 9 8 3 2
 ♣ K 10 5 3



♠ A J 9 8 6 4
 ♥ 6 4 2
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ Q J

♠ 2
 ♥ A K Q 10 8 3
 ♦ 7 6 5
 ♣ 9 6 4

West	North	East	South
	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by East			

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 4
 ♥ J 8 3 2
 ♦ K 3 2
 ♣ K 10 5

15
 8 8
 9

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ A 8 7 6

♥ K 5

♦ A 9 7 4

♣ A 8 6



♠ K 3
 ♥ A Q 9 7 6 4
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ 9 7 3

North

2 NT

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

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

South

2 ♥

3 ♠

Pass

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

South Deals ♠ 6
 None Vul ♥ K J 9 6 4
 ♦ J 8 6 2
 ♣ Q 10 6

♠ A Q 9 8 7 4
 ♥ 8 7 3
 ♦ 7 5
 ♣ K 4



♠ K 10 3
 ♥ 5
 ♦ A K Q 9 4
 ♣ A 8 7 2

7
 9 16
 8

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

West	North	East	South
			Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
6 ♠ by West			

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 ♠.