

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 4 2  
♥ 3 2  
♦ Q J 8 3  
♣ T 7 5

6  
10 9  
15

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q J T 6  
♥ K T 8  
♦ 9 5 2  
♣ Q J 3

♠ 9 7 5  
♥ A 5  
♦ A T 6 4  
♣ A K 8 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥

3♥ by South

Baker Ogust 1

At favorable vulnerability you decided to open 2♥.

In reply to partner's Ogust 2NT you say 3♣, showing a minimum hand along with a poor suit. Partner says 3♥ and you gratefully pass.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q T 9 2  
♥ Q 3  
♦ Q J 3  
♣ J T 5 3

15  
8 11  
6

♠ A 7 5

♥ 8 5

♦ A T 6 4

♣ A K 8 2

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 8 3  
♥ K T 9 7 6 4  
♦ K 7  
♣ 9 6 4

West	North	East	South
		Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

3♥ by North

Baker Ogust 2

With four top tricks it is tempting to go straight to 4♥.

But you use discretion and bid an Ogust 2NT 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 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 9  
♥ Q T 9 7  
♦ Q J 2  
♣ J T 5 4

5  
10 9  
16

♠ K Q T 8 5 4

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 6 4

♣ 9 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ 7 6 3  
♥ K J 4 3  
♦ K T 9  
♣ Q 7 3

♠ J 2  
♥ A 6 2  
♦ A 8 5 3  
♣ A K 8 6

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

3 ♠ by South

Baker Ogust 3

At favorable vulnerability you decided to open 2♠.

In reply to partner's Ogust 2NT you say 3♦, showing a minimum hand along with a good suit. Partner says 3♠ and you pass.

**Deal 4**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 4
♥ 9 7 6
♦ Q J 8 5 3
♣ K J 6 3

15
7    10
8

♠ K 6
♥ A 8 5
♦ A T 6 4
♣ A 9 8 2

N
W      E
S

♠ Q J 8 7 5 3
♥ K Q 3
♦ 9 7
♣ T 4

Baker Ogust 4

With three top tricks it is tempting to go straight to 4♠.

But you use discretion and bid an Ogust 2NT 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♠.

West	North	East	South
		Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4♠ by North

**Deal 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 7 6 3  
 ♥ 9 8  
 ♦ Q 2  
 ♣ J T 9 3 2

8		♠ J 2
7	9	♥ A 6 2
<b>16</b>		♦ A 8 5 3
		♣ A K 8 6

♠ K T 9 8 5 4

♥ K Q

♦ 9 6 4

♣ 7 5

N	W	E
S		

♠ Q

♥ J T 7 5 4 3

♦ K J T 7

♣ Q 4

Baker Ogust 5

Having opened 2♠, you reply to partner's Ogust 2NT bid with 3♥, showing a maximum hand but with a poor suit. Partner says 4♠ and you pass.

West	North	East	South
	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

**Deal 6**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 4  
♥ Q 9 6 2  
♦ J T 2  
♣ Q J T

6  
10 9  
15

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

N
W
E
S

♠ Q 8 7 5  
♥ K J T 3  
♦ -  
♣ K 9 6 5 3

♠ A 9 3  
♥ A 7 5  
♦ K 6 5 4  
♣ A 8 2

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

3NT by South

Baker Ogust 6

You could just guess between pass, 3NT, 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 3NT.

**Deal 7**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A T 7
♥ Q 8
♦ 9 5 3
♣ J T 5 3 2

16
7
9

♠ K J 9 4

♥ A 6 3

♦ J 2

♣ A K 7 6

N
W
E
S

♠ Q 6 5 2
♥ K J 9 7 5 4
♦ 8 7
♣ Q

♠ 8 3
♥ T 2
♦ A K Q T 6 4
♣ 9 8 4

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

3NT by South

Baker Ogust 7

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

**Deal 8**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul  
 ♠ A K J 9 8 7 4  
 ♥ J 9  
 ♦ T 9 8  
 ♣ J  
 15  
 10 6  
 9

♠ Q T 3  
 ♥ 7 5  
 ♦ A K Q 4  
 ♣ A 8 7 2  
 N  
 W E  
 S  
 ♠ 6 5  
 ♥ 6 4 2  
 ♦ J 3 2  
 ♣ K Q T 5 3  
 ♠ 2  
 ♥ A K Q T 8 3  
 ♦ 7 6 5  
 ♣ 9 6 4

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

4♥ by North

### Baker Ogust 8

This is a perfect hand for Ogust - when you're not sure what to do! So you bid 2NT. Partner responds 3NT. What do you bid next?

Partner's 3NT 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 9**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 9 5  
 ♥ T 8 3  
 ♦ K 3 2  
 ♣ K T 5 4

9  
 7      9  
 15

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

N  
 W      E  
 S

♠ Q T 4 2  
 ♥ J 2  
 ♦ Q J T 6  
 ♣ Q J 2

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥

4♥ by South

**Baker Ogust 9**

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

**Deal 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 2  
♥ K Q 9 6 2  
♦ T 8 3  
♣ J 9 6

16  
7 8  
9

♠ K T 3

♥ 5

♦ A K Q 9 4

♣ A 8 7 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ 6 5  
♥ A J T 4  
♦ J 6 2  
♣ Q T 5 3

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

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

6 ♠ by North

Baker Ogust 10

Before you read this lesson you might have just jumped to a Blackwood 4NT. But now you bid an Ogust 2NT. 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♠.