

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 9 8 5 4

♥ K Q

♦ 9 6 4

♣ 7 5

♠ Q

♥ J 9 7 5 4

♦ K J 10 2

♣ Q 10 4



♠ 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

8
9 7
16

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6 2
♥ 8 4
♦ A Q 9 8 7 3
♣ 7 4

10
6 15
9

West

2 ♦

3 ♦

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ K Q 8 5
♥ K Q 9 3 2
♦ 2
♣ 9 6 5



♠ J 7 4
♥ J 10 6
♦ J 10
♣ K Q J 10 3

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 NT

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

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♠ 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ Q 10 3

♥ 7 5

♦ A K Q 4

♣ A 8 7 2

♠ K 7 5

♥ J 9

♦ 9 8 3 2

♣ K 10 5 3

9
9 15
7

West

North

East

South

2 ♥

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by West

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.