

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 2

♥ K 3

♦ J 8 5 3

♣ J 10 7

6

9 10

15

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by North

♠ 8 3

♥ Q J 9 7 6 4

♦ K 7

♣ 9 6 4



♠ 9 7 5

♥ A 5

♦ A 10 6 4

♣ A K 8 2

North

2 ♥

3 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

3 ♥

At favorable vulnerability you decided to open 2 ♥.

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

Deal 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 5
♥ 8 5
♦ A 10 6 4
♣ A K 8 2

11
15 6
8

West

♠ K J 6 4
♥ Q J 2
♦ Q 9 2
♣ Q 5 3



♠ Q 10 9 2
♥ A 3
♦ J 8 5 3
♣ J 10 7

*North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by East

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

But you use discretion and bid an Ogust 2 NT 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 6 3

♥ Q 10 3

♦ Q 9

♣ J 7 4 3

16
9 10
5

♠ J 2

♥ A 6 2

♦ A 8 5 3

♣ A K 8 6

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♠ K Q 10 8 5 4

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 6 4

♣ 9 2

♠ 9

♥ K J 9 7 4

♦ K J 10 2

♣ Q 10 5

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

Pass

2 NT

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

3 ♠ by South

Pass

At favorable vulnerability you decided to open 2 ♠.

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

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 8 7 5 3

♥ K Q 3

♦ 9 7

♣ 10 4

10
8 15
7

♠ A 9 2

♥ 10 7

♦ Q J 8 5

♣ Q J 5 3



♠ 10 4

♥ J 9 6 4 2

♦ K 3 2

♣ K 7 6

♠ K 6

♥ A 8 5

♦ A 10 6 4

♣ A 9 8 2

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

2 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♠ by West

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 NT

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

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

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q
 ♥ J 9 7 5 4
 ♦ K J 10 2
 ♣ Q 10 4

8
 9 7
 16

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ K 10 9 8 5 4

♥ K Q

♦ 9 6 4

♣ 7 5



♠ J 2

♥ A 6 2

♦ A 8 5 3

♣ A K 8 6

North

2 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4 ♠

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 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6 2
♥ 8 4
♦ A Q 9 8 7 3
♣ 7 4

10
6 15
9

♠ 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

♠ A 9 3
♥ A 7 5
♦ K 6 5 4
♣ A 8 2

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

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.