

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 10 2
♥ K 3
♦ J 8 5 3
♣ J 10 7

6
9 10
15

♠ 8 3
♥ Q J 9 7 6 4
♦ K 7
♣ 9 6 4



♠ A Q 6 4
♥ 10 8 2
♦ Q 9 2
♣ Q 5 3

♠ 9 7 5
♥ A 5
♦ A 10 6 4
♣ A K 8 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♥ by North			

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 9 2

♥ A 3

♦ J 8 5 3

♣ J 10 7

15
8 11
6

♠ A 7 5

♥ 8 5

♦ A 10 6 4

♣ A K 8 2



♠ K J 6 4

♥ Q J 2

♦ Q 9 2

♣ Q 5 3

♠ 8 3

♥ K 10 9 7 6 4

♦ K 7

♣ 9 6 4

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

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

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

North Deals

None Vul

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

5
 10 9
 16

♠ K Q 10 8 5 4

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 6 4

♣ 9 2



♠ J 2

♥ A 6 2

♦ A 8 5 3

♣ A K 8 6

♠ A 7 6 3

♥ Q 10 3

♦ Q 9

♣ J 7 4 3

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

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 2
 ♥ 10 7
 ♦ Q J 8 5
 ♣ Q J 5 3

15
 10 7
 8

West

♠ K 6

♥ A 8 5

♦ A 10 6 4

♣ A 9 8 2



♠ Q J 8 7 5 3

♥ K Q 3

♦ 9 7

♣ 10 4

North

♠ 10 4

♥ J 9 6 4 2

♦ K 3 2

♣ K 7 6

*East**South*

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

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

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 7

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 5

♥ K J 9 8 7

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 10 5

16
6 9
9*West*

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ K J 9 4

♥ A 6 3

♦ J 2

♣ A K 7 6

♠ 8 3

♥ 10 2

♦ A K Q 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

3 NT



♠ A 10 6 2

♥ Q 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ Q J 3 2

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 8

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.

Deal 9

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 5 2

♥ 10

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ Q J 4 2

9
8 8
15

♠ K 3

♥ A Q 9 7 6 4

♦ 8 5

♣ 9 7 3

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♠ A 8 7 6

♥ K 5

♦ A 9 7 4

♣ A 8 6

♠ J 9 4

♥ J 8 3 2

♦ K 3 2

♣ K 10 5

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

North

2 ♥

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4 ♥

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 10

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
 ♥ K J 9 6 4
 ♦ J 8 6 2
 ♣ Q 10 6

16
 7 8
 9

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

♠ K 10 3

♥ 5

♦ A K Q 9 4

♣ A 8 7 2



♠ A Q 9 8 7 4

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ K 4

North

2 NT

6 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

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 ♠.