

**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

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 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**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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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.