

OGUST CONVENTION

ABOUT THE DEALS

You will always be in the South position. Either you or partner may open the bidding.

The first page (or two) of each Deal shows only your hand. The initial bidding is given and you are asked to decide what you would bid, then click the word **BID** up in the bidding table. The next page will then appear showing the recommended bid and continuing the auction. On the final page of each Deal partner's hand will be shown.

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First let's review the "standard" bidding which follows a Weak 2-bid opening.

If the Responder has an interest in going higher he bids 2NT.

The Weak-2 opener replies as follows:

- With a minimum, rebid the suit at the 3-level
- With a maximum, show a feature (Ace or King) of an outside suit by bidding that suit at the 3-level
- With a solid suit (A K Q x x x) bid 3NT

If you are happy with that method just stop reading this and go over to the Weak 2-bid topic for some practice!

Ogust rebids:

As the popularity of Weak 2-bids has increased, the requirement for suit quality has declined. Many of today's players ignore the old requirement that you should have 2 of the top 3 honors, (or 3 honors altogether) in the suit.

A hand like ♠ 5 ♥ Q 9 8 6 5 3 ♦ A 7 3 ♣ 9 6 2

might be opened 2♥ by an opponent.

Or, you might fall under the spell and open 2♥ with the hand yourself.

Harold Ogust developed a convention to allow Responder to obtain more information from the Weak-2 opener. The Ogust Convention also starts with Responder bidding 2NT, but Opener's rebids are more descriptive.

OPENER REBIDS AFTER OGUST 2NT		
3♣	minimum hand	poor suit
3♦	minimum hand	good suit
3♥	maximum hand	poor suit
3♠	maximum hand	good suit
3NT	A K Q x x x suit	

In theory, once the Responder learns which of the five categories Opener falls into he

should be able to set the contract correctly.

Of course it is important that the partners are agreed on the meanings of minimum/maximum and poor/good.

Here are our suggestions:

Assuming your Weak 2-bid strength is 6-11 total points, use 6-8 as minimum, 9-11 as maximum.

A good suit is headed by any two of the top three honors (A K Q) a poor suit is not.

That's all there is to it. The 10 Practice Deals are worth 10,000 more words.

Deal 1