

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 8 5  
 ♥ K Q 9 3 2  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ 9 6 5

15  
 10 9  
 6

West

♠ A 9 3  
 ♥ A 7 5  
 ♦ K 6 5 4  
 ♣ A 8 2



♠ 10 6 2  
 ♥ 8 4  
 ♦ A Q 9 8 7 3  
 ♣ 7 4

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

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 2**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 3		♠ K J 9 4
♥ 10 2		♥ A 6 3
♦ A K Q 10 6 4		♦ J 2
♣ 9 8 4		♣ A K 7 6

	♠ A 10 6 2
6	♥ Q 5 4
9 16	♦ 9 8
9	♣ Q J 3 2

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

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 3**

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 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 9 4  
♥ J 8 3 2  
♦ K 3 2  
♣ K 10 5

♠ K 3  
♥ A Q 9 7 6 4  
♦ 8 5  
♣ 9 7 3



♠ A 8 7 6  
♥ K 5  
♦ A 9 7 4  
♣ A 8 6

8  
9 15  
8

♠ Q 10 5 2  
♥ 10  
♦ Q J 10 6  
♣ Q J 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♥ by West			

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 5**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A Q 9 8 7 4  
♥ 8 7 3  
♦ 7 5  
♣ K 4

♠ J 5 2  
♥ A Q 10 2  
♦ 10 3  
♣ J 9 5 3



♠ 6  
♥ K J 9 6 4  
♦ J 8 6 2  
♣ Q 10 6

9  
8 7  
16

♠ K 10 3  
♥ 5  
♦ A K Q 9 4  
♣ A 8 7 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♠ by North

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 ♠.