

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 4 2

♥ 3 2

♦ Q J 8 3

♣ T 7 5

6
10 9
15

♠ 8 3
♥ Q J 9 7 6 4
♦ K 7
♣ 9 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ Q J T 6
♥ K T 8
♦ 9 5 2
♣ Q J 3

♠ 9 7 5
♥ A 5
♦ A T 6 4
♣ A K 8 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥

3♥ by South

Baker Ogust 1

At favorable vulnerability you decided to open 2♥.

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

Deal 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 7 5
♥ 8 5
♦ A T 6 4
♣ A K 8 2

11
15 6
8

♠ K J 6 4

♥ A J 2

♦ 9 8 5 2

♣ Q 7

N
W E
S

♠ Q T 9 2
♥ Q 3
♦ Q J 3
♣ J T 5 3

Baker Ogust 2

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

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

West	North	East	South
	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

3♥ by West

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 3
♥ K J 4 3
♦ K T 9
♣ Q 7 3

16
9 10
5

♠ J 2
♥ A 6 2
♦ A 8 5 3
♣ A K 8 6

N	W	E
S		

♠ A 9
♥ Q T 9 7
♦ Q J 2
♣ J T 5 4

♠ K Q T 8 5 4
♥ 8 5
♦ 7 6 4
♣ 9 2

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

3 ♠ by North

Baker Ogust 3

At favorable vulnerability you decided to open 2♠.

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

Deal 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 8 7 5 3

♥ K Q 3

♦ 9 7

♣ T 4

7
8 15
10

♠ 4
 ♥ 9 7 6
 ♦ Q J 8 5 3
 ♣ K J 6 3

N		
W	E	
		S

♠ K 6
 ♥ A 8 5
 ♦ A T 6 4
 ♣ A 9 8 2

♠ A T 9 2
 ♥ J T 4 2
 ♦ K 2
 ♣ Q 7 5

West	North	East	South
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

4 ♠ by East

Baker Ogust 4

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

But you use discretion and bid an Ogust 2NT 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

N-S Vul

♠ A 7 6 3
 ♥ 9 8
 ♦ Q 2
 ♣ J T 9 3 2

8
 7 9
16

♠ K T 9 8 5 4

♥ K Q

♦ 9 6 4

♣ 7 5



♠ J 2
 ♥ A 6 2
 ♦ A 8 5 3
 ♣ A K 8 6

Baker Ogust 5

Having opened 2♠, you reply to partner's Ogust 2NT bid with 3♥, showing a maximum hand but with a poor suit. Partner says 4♠ and you pass.

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
All Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠

4 ♠ by South

Deal 6

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 6 2
♥ 8 4
♦ A Q 9 8 7 3
♣ 7 4

9
6 15
10

♠ Q 8 7 5

♥ K J T 3

♦ -

♣ K 9 6 5 3

N		
W	E	
S		

♠ K J 4
♥ Q 9 6 2
♦ J T 2
♣ Q J T

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

3NT by East

Baker Ogust 6

You could just guess between pass, 3NT, 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 3NT.

Deal 7

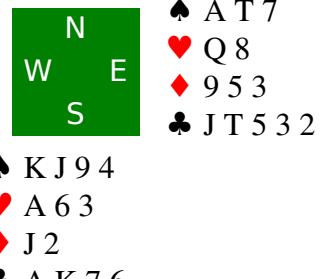
North Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 6 5 2
 ♥ K J 9 7 5 4
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ Q

9
 8 7
16

♠ 8 3
 ♥ T 2
 ♦ A K Q T 6 4
 ♣ 9 8 4

Baker Ogust 7

Having opened 2♦, you reply to partner's Ogust 2NT bid with 3NT, showing a ♦ suit headed by A K Q. Partner passes.

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

3NT by North

Deal 8

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2	
♥ A K Q T 8 3	
♦ 7 6 5	
♣ 9 6 4	

10	
9	15
6	

♠ A K J 9 8 7 4

♥ J 9

♦ T 9 8

♣ J

N	
W	E
S	

♠ Q T 3

♥ 7 5

♦ A K Q 4

♣ A 8 7 2

♠ 6 5	
♥ 6 4 2	
♦ J 3 2	
♣ K Q T 5 3	

West	North	East	South
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

4♥ by East

Baker Ogust 8

This is a perfect hand for Ogust - when you're not sure what to do! So you bid 2NT. Partner responds 3NT. What do you bid next?

Partner's 3NT 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

E-W Vul

♠ J 9 5
 ♥ T 8 3
 ♦ K 3 2
 ♣ K T 5 4

9
 7 9
 15

♠ K 3
 ♥ A Q 9 7 6 4
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ 9 7 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ Q T 4 2
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ Q J T 6
 ♣ Q J 2

♠ A 8 7 6
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A 9 7 4
 ♣ A 8 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥

4♥ by South

Baker Ogust 9

After opening 2♥ you reply to partner's Ogust 2NT with 3♠, showing a maximum hand along with a good suit. Partner bids 4♥ and you pass.

Deal 10

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K T 3

♥ 5

♦ A K Q 9 4

♣ A 8 7 2

8
16 9
7♠ 6 5
♥ A J T 4
♦ J 6 2
♣ Q T 5 3

N
W
E
S

♠ A Q 9 8 7 4

♥ 8 7 3
♦ 7 5
♣ K 4♠ J 2
♥ K Q 9 6 2
♦ T 8 3
♣ J 9 6

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

6 ♠ by West

Baker Ogust 10

Before you read this lesson you might have just jumped to a Blackwood 4NT. But now you bid an Ogust 2NT. 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♠.