

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 8 6 5

♥ 4 3

♦ 5 2

♣ Q 5 4 2

♠ A J T

♥ Q T 7

♦ K J 6

♣ A K 8 3



♠ 3

♥ A 9 8 6 2

♦ Q T 9 7 4

♣ J 9

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

**Baker Minor 9**

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

This would be an ideal hand to open 1NT - well, it would be with one less point. But with 18 you are too strong to open 1NT so you open 1♣. Partner responds 1♠. What do you bid next?

DO NOT fall into the trap of supporting partner's ♠s just because you have such nice help for him. He might have a 4-card suit. Instead, just describe your hand by jumping to 2NT, showing a balanced hand with 18-19 points. Partner now bids 3NT and you play it there.

**Board 2**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 6  
♥ A K 7  
♦ Q 8 6 4  
♣ A K 8

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

	N		♠ K T 9 7 4 2
W		♥ Q J 5	
	E	♦ 3	
	S	♣ 7 4 3	

♠ A 8 5  
♥ T 9 6 4 3  
♦ K J 9 5  
♣ 5

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

4 ♠ by West

Baker Minor 10  
You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

You open 1♦ and partner responds 1♠. What is your next bid?

Do not support what may be a 4-card suit with only 3 cards. Instead, jump to 2NT, showing 18-19, balanced. Partner rebids the ♠s. What do you say next?

Partner shows a minimum hand, but with 6 ♠s. 3NT is very tempting, and might work out fine, but with 9 ♠s it is probably better to play the suit game. So you bid 4♠ and everybody passes.

Bidding 4♠ was a good choice. It makes easily, yet 3NT might have gone down.

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 3

♥ T 2

♦ A K Q 9 3

♣ T 5 4

♠ A K 7 4

♥ K Q 9 6

♦ J 8

♣ 9 7 6



♠ J T 9 6

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K 8 3

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass

2 ♠ by North

**Baker Minor 11**

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You have plenty good support to raise partner's ♣ suit. But your first priority is to show a 4-card Major suit if you have one. You do, so you respond 1♠. Partner raises you to 2♠.

Are you tempted to take partner back to ♣s since you have such good support? Don't be. Partner has 4 ♠s, but he might have only 3 ♣s.

Are you tempted to bid 3♠ since partner raised you? Don't be. He showed a minimum hand with his single raise and you only have 9 points. Just pass.

**Board 4**

East Deals

Both Vul

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

♠ Q J 2

♥ 7 4

♦ J 9 7

♣ A 9 7 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 9  
♥ K Q 8 3  
♦ Q T 4 2  
♣ T 3

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

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass	2♥	Pass

4♥ by West

**Baker Minor 12**

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

Some might jump to 2NT, "to show partner my point count". Some might jump to 3♦, "to force partner to game and show my ♦ support". The wise ones will just bid 1♥, striving to find an 8-card Major fit, the first priority of bidding.

You choose the 1♥ route, and partner obligingly says 2♥. What do you bid next?

Remember "She who knows, goes"? You know of the 8-card Major fit. You know of at least 26 combined points. You know you should bid 4♥, so you do.