

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 9 2
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ 4 2
♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4

♥ K 9 8

♦ A 9 8 3

♣ A T 6 5

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ T 8 5
♥ 2
♦ J T 7 6 5
♣ K J 8 3

♠ A 7 3
♥ A Q J T 6
♦ K Q
♣ 9 7 4

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| 1♠ | 2♠ | Pass | 1♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

4♥ by South

Baker Negative 1

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

I admit it, I tried to trap you. Just because this is a lesson about Negative Doubles doesn't mean you should abandon your normal good bidding practices. You have a known 8-card ♥ fit so you don't need to bother telling partner about your two 4-card Minors. With 12 points and support you make a cue-bid in the opponent's suit which tells partner you have limit-raise or better.

Partner now bids 4♥ which you pass.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J T 9 7 5 2

♥ Q

♦ A 7

♣ A 8 3

♠ 6 4

♥ K 9 8 6

♦ 9 8 3

♣ K Q 6 5


 ♠ Q 8
 ♥ J 4 3 2
 ♦ T 5 4 2
 ♣ J 9 7

 ♠ A 3
 ♥ A T 7 5
 ♦ K Q J 6
 ♣ T 4 2

West North East South

 1♠ Dbl Pass 1♦
 All Pass

2♥ by South

Baker Negative 2

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With 8 points and 4 ♥s you have enough to make a negative double. Partner bids 2♥. What do you say now?

Partner also has 4 ♥s. Unfortunately his strength is only in the 13-15 point range. So you pass.

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q T 9 3

♥ 5

♦ T 8 7

♣ K 6 4 2

♠ 8 7 5 2

♥ A Q 6 3

♦ Q 6 4

♣ 7 3


 ♠ A J
 ♥ T 7 4 2
 ♦ K J 5 2
 ♣ J 9 8

 ♠ 6 4
 ♥ K J 9 8
 ♦ A 9 3
 ♣ A Q T 5

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|----------|-------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | | | 1♣ |
| 1♠ | Dbl | Pass | 2♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

2♥ by South

Baker Negative 3

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Partner is showing you a ♥ suit with at least 6 points. With 4 ♥s in a minimum strength hand your rebid is 2♥. Everyone passes.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 9 3

♥ A Q T 5 4

♦ K 9 4

♣ 9 3

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 9 8 6

♦ 7 3

♣ Q 6 5

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 8 2

♥ K 2

♦ Q 8 5 2

♣ T 8 7 4 2

♠ Q T 7 5

♥ 7 3

♦ A J T 6

♣ A K J

West North East South

1♥ Dbl Pass 1♦

All Pass

2♠ by South

Baker Negative 4

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You just scrape 7 points together. With your 4-card Major that's enough for a Negative Double. So you double and partner jumps to 2♠. What is your bid?

Partner's jump is inviting but it takes more than just a simple jump to get you excited with this junk. Even though partner has 16-18 points you pass.

Board 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9
 ♥ K Q 9 5 4
 ♦ K 6 4 2
 ♣ Q 4

♠ A Q 6 2

♥ 8 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ K J 6 2

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 8 5 4
 ♥ A J T 3
 ♦ T 9 3
 ♣ 9 7 3

♠ K J 7 3
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A Q J 7
 ♣ A T 8 5

| West | North | East | South |
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| 1♥ Pass | Dbl 4♠ | Pass All Pass | 1♦ 2♠ |

4 ♠ by North

Baker Negative 5

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Partner has indicated a 4-card ♠ suit. Since you also have 4 you will naturally bid them. However, with the ♠ fit your hand revalues to 17 points. So you jump to 2♠. Partner bids the game.

Board 6

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 6 5 2
 ♥ 3
 ♦ A J 8 5
 ♣ 9 7 4

♠ A Q 4

♥ K Q 8 6

♦ 7 3

♣ Q T 6 5

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|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ J T 8
 ♥ T 7 4 2
 ♦ K Q 9 2
 ♣ 8 2

♠ 7 3

♥ A J 9 5

♦ T 6 4

♣ A K J 3

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | | | 1♣ |
| 1♠ Pass | Dbl 4♥ | Pass All Pass | 2♥ |

4♥ by North

Baker Negative 6

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With 13 points and 4 of the "other" Major you make a Negative Double. Partner's rebid is 2♥. What is your next bid?

Partner has 4 ♥s and an opening hand. You have 4 ♥s and an opening hand. That adds up to a game bid and an 8-card ♥ fit. You bid 4♥.