

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 3

♥ A 5 4

♦ A 9 4

♣ K 8 3 2

♠ A J 9 7

♥ J 7 3

♦ K Q 5

♣ Q J 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 8 6 5 2

♥ T

♦ J T 7 2

♣ A 9 6

♠ 4

♥ K Q 9 8 6 2

♦ 8 6 3

♣ T 7 5

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

2♥ by South

Baker DONT 7

In the balancing seat it is distribution that counts, not point count. With a 6-card Major suit and a singleton you should not let them play 1NT. You double.

Partner makes the relay bid of 2♣.

You bid your suit, 2♥, and everybody passes. Notice that partner had a decent hand, but could not bid over 1NT in the immediate seat.

Board 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 5 4

♥ A T 7 4

♦ K 8 2

♣ 8

♠ K 2

♥ 6 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ K J 9 6 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 6

♥ K Q 9

♦ A J T

♣ A T 7 4 2

♠ A 8 7 3

♥ J 8 5 2

♦ Q 9 6 4

♣ Q

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

2♣ by South

Baker DONT 8

You don't have a 6-card suit, nor do you have a 5-4 pair of suits. So even with a singleton you don't want to use DONT here. So you pass.

Partner makes a DONT double in the balancing seat.

Right now you probably have a premonition about what is going to happen next. But there really is nothing you can say other than 2♣.

Your premonition came true. Partner passes and you are left playing 2♣ with a singleton. Nobody promised that DONT would always get you to a good contract.

Board 3

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 9 6
♥ A 9 6 5
♦ A Q
♣ Q T 7 5

♠ 8 5
♥ 8 2
♦ T 9 6
♣ A K J 9 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q T 7 3 2
♥ -
♦ K J 8 4 3 2
♣ 4

♠ J 4
♥ K Q J T 7 4 3
♦ 7 5
♣ 6 2

West	North	East	South
1NT	Dbl	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

2♥ by South

Baker DONT 9

You only have 8 HCP but with such a good 6-card suit you should interfere with a DONT bid. You double and partner surprises you by saying 2♥.

There is a reason partner didn't say 2♣ (which you were going to pass). And the reason is that he figures you will be better off in his ♥s. Since you trust your partner you pass.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 5 4 2
♥ 9 3
♦ J 8 3
♣ Q T 6 2

♠ 7

♥ Q J 8 2
♦ K Q T 7 4
♣ 9 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A T 6
♥ K 5
♦ A 9 5 2
♣ A J 5 4

♠ K Q J 8 3
♥ A T 7 6 4
♦ 6
♣ K 8

West	North	East	South
		1NT	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

Baker DONT 10

Since partner has entered the bidding in the immediate seat he should have a pretty good hand, with 9+ cards in ♥s and ♠s.

Usually you are happy to settle for partscore after a DONT sequence, but with such an excellent fit for ♥s your hand is worth a raise.

So you bid 3♥ and partner says 4♥.

Board 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 7
♥ A Q T 8
♦ K 2
♣ A J 6 3

♠ K J 9 6

♥ K 9 7 3

♦ A Q 6 5

♣ 8



♠ 5 4
♥ J 5 2
♦ J T 7 4 3
♣ Q 4 2

♠ A T 3 2
♥ 6 4
♦ 9 8
♣ K T 9 7 5

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

2 ♠ by South

Baker DONT 11

You have only 7 HCP but expect partner to have a reasonable hand since East could not keep the bidding open. With your black 2-suiter you bid the lowest one, 2♣.

Partner says 2♦.

Partner's 2♦ bid, the next suit up the line, asks you to name your other suit (or pass if your other suit is ♦s).

You bid 2♠ and everybody passes.

Board 6

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 4

♥ A 4 2

♦ K J 9 4 2

♣ A K

♠ A J 7 3

♥ K Q 9

♦ A Q 8 6

♣ 6 3



♠ K T 8 6 5 2

♥ J 6 3

♦ T 5

♣ 8 7

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker DONT 12

You would have opened 1NT but West beat you to it.

You cannot double for penalties when you use

DONT, so you pass.

Partner bids 2♠ in the balancing seat.

The 2♠ bid shows a weak hand, with more strength partner would have first doubled, then bid 2♠.

Still, you know he has a 6-card suit and you also know that every finesse is going to work. You either bid 3♠ or 4♠. Be bold.