

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 6 2

♥ 3

♦ Q J T 3

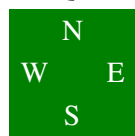
♣ K T 7 2

♠ Q 5 4 3

♥ K Q T 9 8

♦ A 5

♣ A Q



♠ A J T

♥ A 6 5

♦ 9 8 4

♣ J 8 4 3

♠ K 8

♥ J 7 4 2

♦ K 7 6 2

♣ 9 6 5

West

North

East

South

Pass 1 ♥

Pass

2 ♥

Pass 2 ♠

Pass

4 ♥

All Pass

4 ♥ by South

Baker Help 9

Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Except for the ♠ weakness you have a nice hand. If partner can Help you in that suit then you want to be in game.

So you bid 2 ♠ and partner bids 4 ♥. Sometimes it is easy.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 7 6 2

♥ Q 9 4

♦ K Q

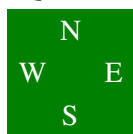
♣ J 9 4 3

♠ T 5 3

♥ A K 5 3

♦ 8 5 3

♣ Q T 2



♠ J

♥ J T 8 7

♦ A J T 7 4

♣ 7 6 5

♠ A K Q 8 4

♥ 6 2

♦ 9 6 2

♣ A K 8

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by South

Baker Help 10

Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You do have 9 points so you are inclined to bid game, but partner needs help in ♦s, and you are bankrupt there. But rather than just signing off, this hand gives you a way to temporize.

You bid 3 ♥, a bid not covered in the Summary, but which you hope partner will interpret as meaning: "I can't help you in ♦s, but I have some great ♥s."

Apparently partner interpreted it the way you wanted since he bid the game.