

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 4 3
♥ K 7
♦ K Q 7 6
♣ T 9 8

♠ A 5
♥ A Q 9 4 2
♦ T 8 5 3
♣ K 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 8 7 2
♥ J 5 3
♦ 9 2
♣ A Q 6 4

♠ Q T 6
♥ T 8 6
♦ A J 4
♣ J 7 5 2

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2♥

All Pass

2♥ by South

Baker Help 1

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

There is no doubt that you could use some help in ♦s. But you need more than that, you need points. This hand isn't good enough to invite to game so you pass.

Board 2

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 6 5
♥ A T 7 6
♦ K T 3
♣ J T 8 4

♠ J 7 4 2

♥ K 8

♦ 9 6 5

♣ K 7 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 3

♥ J 9 2

♦ J 8 7 4 2

♣ Q 9 3

♠ K Q T 9 8
♥ Q 5 4 3
♦ A Q
♣ A 5

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Help 2

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

This is not a great hand by any means. If partner had invited with a 3♠ bid you might have passed. But he invited with a 3♥ bid, asking if you can Help him take care of losers in that suit. And you have loads of Help. Not only do you have a high honor but you can ruff the third round. So you bid 4♠.

Board 3

North Deals

E-W Vul

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

	♠ K
N	♥ J T 8 6
W	♦ J T 9 2
E	♣ J 8 7 5
S	

♠ T 8 5 3
♥ K Q 5 4
♦ Q 7 6
♣ 9 4

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Help 3

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

You might make a Help Suit Game Try in ♣s, but with 19/20 points in your own hand you should just bid the game yourself. So you bid 4♠.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K T 9 7 6 5

♥ 4

♦ A T 9

♣ T 4 3

♠ J 4 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ 6 5 3

♣ A 7 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 8

♥ T 7 6 3

♦ K J 8

♣ Q J 9 5

♠ A 3

♥ A Q J 9 2

♦ Q 7 4 2

♣ K 8

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

3♥ by North

Baker Help 4

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

Partner is inviting you to bid game, and your 8 points are right in the "judgement" area.

But he has asked you to use judgement based on your ♦ holding, which is awful. So you sign off at 3♥.

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A T 9 6 5 4
 ♥ Q
 ♦ J 7 4 3 2
 ♣ 7

♠ K 3

♥ A J 9 7 2

♦ A K

♣ J 8 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 7
 ♥ T 5 4
 ♦ Q T 9
 ♣ A K Q 4 2

♠ Q J 2
 ♥ K 8 6 3
 ♦ 8 6 5
 ♣ T 9 5

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

3♥ by South

Baker Help 5

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

You are almost strong enough to bid the game right now, but you are worried about ♣s. If partner can Help out in that suit you'd be willing to try for T tricks. So you make a Help Suit Game Try of 3♣. Partner replies 3♥. What do you say next?

When you ask partner to make a judgement call and he does so, you don't then override that call. You pass.

Board 6

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 6
♥ J 5 4
♦ J 9 8 7
♣ A 9 8 5

♠ 8 7 5 3

♥ 6

♦ K Q 5 3

♣ J T 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 4
♥ A K T 9 2
♦ T 6 2
♣ K 4 3

♠ A K Q 9 2
♥ Q 8 7 3
♦ A 4
♣ Q 7

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Help 6

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

Partner is worried about his ♥ losers and you can certainly take care of some of them. So even though you only have 6 HCP you bid 4♠.