

**Board 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

West

North

East

South

Pass

Dbl

Pass

2♣

Pass

2♥

All Pass

2♥ by North

**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**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 2  
 ♥ 6 3  
 ♦ 7 5 3  
 ♣ K J 9 6 5 3

♠ 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

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

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

2 ♣ by East

**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

1NT

All Pass

North

Dbl

East

Pass

South

2♥

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**

South Deals

Both Vul

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

♠ 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

♠ A T 6

♥ K 5

♦ A 9 5 2

♣ A J 5 4

West

North

East

South

2♥

Pass

3♥

1NT

4♥

All Pass

Pass

4♥ by West

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♥.

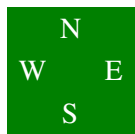
**Board 5**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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

2 ♠ by North

Baker DONT 11

You have only 7 HCP but expect partner to have a reasonable hand since West 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**

South Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ -  
♥ T 8 7 5  
♦ 7 3  
♣ Q J T 9 5 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K T 8 6 5 2  
♥ J 6 3  
♦ T 5  
♣ 8 7

♠ Q 9 4  
♥ A 4 2  
♦ K J 9 4 2  
♣ A K

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

4♠ by West

Baker DONT 12

You would have opened 1NT but South 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.