

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 8 4 3

♥ 8 4

♦ Q J 9 3

♣ T 6

♠ 7

♥ 6 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J

♥ A J T 5

♦ K T 8 5 2

♣ 5 2

♠ Q T 6 5 2

♥ K Q 9 7 3

♦ 7

♣ J 9

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

3♣ by North

Baker Michaels 19

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

With two 5-card Majors of course you bid 2♦.

Partner responds 3♣. What do you say now?

This wasn't according to your script. Partner was supposed to choose a Major. The reason he didn't, of course, is that he didn't like either one and figured you would be better in ♣s. So you pass.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J T 5 2
 ♥ A 9 7 4 3
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ T

♠ 9 6

♥ K 8 2

♦ A T 8 5 4

♣ J 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 8 7 4
 ♥ T 6 5
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A 9 7 5 2

♠ A 3
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ K Q J 9 3
 ♣ K Q 8 3

West North East South

2♦ 3♦ 3♠ All Pass

3♠ by East

Baker Michaels 20

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

You don't have a great hand but you DO have 4 ♠s. So don't let the opponents have a 3-level contract when your side has 9 ♠s. Bid 3♠.

Note: See the Law of Total Tricks Lesson on this topic.