

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8 5
♥ 2
♦ J T 7 6 5
♣ K J 8 3

16
5 **8**
11

♠ A 7 3
♥ A Q J T 6
♦ K Q
♣ 9 7 4

	N		♠ K Q J 9 2
W		E	♥ 7 5 4 3
	S		♦ 4 2
			♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4
♥ K 9 8
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ A T 6 5

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

4♥ by North

Baker Negative 1

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2♠]

I admit it, I tried to trap you. Just because this is a lesson about Negative Doubles doesn't mean you should abandon your normal good bidding practices. You have a known 8-card ♥ fit so you don't need to bother telling partner about your two 4-card Minors. With 12 points and support you make a cue-bid in the opponent's suit which tells partner you have limit-raise or better.

Partner now bids 4♥ which you pass.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8
♥ J 4 3 2
♦ T 5 4 2
♣ J 9 7

14
4 14
8

♠ A 3
♥ A T 7 5
♦ K Q J 6
♣ T 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ K J T 9 7 5 2
♥ Q
♦ A 7
♣ A 8 3

♠ 6 4
♥ K 9 8 6
♦ 9 8 3
♣ K Q 6 5

West	North	East	South
	1♦	1♠	Dbl
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

2♥ by North

Baker Negative 2

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

With 8 points and 4 ♥s you have enough to make a negative double. Partner bids 2♥. What do you say now? [BID pass]

Partner also has 4 ♥s. Unfortunately his strength is only in the 13-15 point range. So you pass.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q T 9 3
♥ 5
♦ T 8 7
♣ K 6 4 2

8
8 10
14

♠ 8 7 5 2
♥ A Q 6 3
♦ Q 6 4
♣ 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ A J
♥ T 7 4 2
♦ K J 5 2
♣ J 9 8

♠ 6 4
♥ K J 9 8
♦ A 9 3
♣ A Q T 5

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

2 ♥ by South

Baker Negative 3

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2 ♥]

Partner is showing you a ♥ suit with at least 6 points. With 4 ♥'s in a minimum strength hand your rebid is 2 ♥. Everyone passes.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ K 2
♦ Q 8 5 2
♣ T 8 7 4 2

15
5 13
7

♠ Q T 7 5
♥ 7 3
♦ A J T 6
♣ A K J

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 3
♥ A Q T 5 4
♦ K 9 4
♣ 9 3

♠ K J 6 4
♥ J 9 8 6
♦ 7 3
♣ Q 6 5

West	North	East	South
	1♦	1♥	Dbl
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Baker Negative 4

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

You just scrape 7 points together. With your 4-card Major that's enough for a Negative Double. So you double and partner jumps to 2♠. What is your bid? [BID pass]

Partner's jump is inviting but it takes more than just a simple jump to get you excited with this junk. Even though partner has 16-18 points you pass.

2 ♠ by North

Deal 6South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 9
 ♥ K Q 9 5 4
 ♦ K 6 4 2
 ♣ Q 4

10
 10 5
 15

♠ A Q 6 2

♥ 8 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ K J 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 5 4
 ♥ A J T 3
 ♦ T 9 3
 ♣ 9 7 3

♠ K J 7 3
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A Q J 7
 ♣ A T 8 5

West	North	East	South
1♥ Pass	Dbl 4♠	Pass All Pass	1♦ 2♠

4 ♠ by North

Baker Negative 5The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2♠]

Partner has indicated a 4-card ♠ suit. Since you also have 4 you will naturally bid them. However, with the ♠ fit your hand revalues to 17 points. So you jump to 2♠. Partner bids the game.

Deal 7

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J T 8
♥ T 7 4 2
♦ K Q 9 2
♣ 8 2

13
6 8
13

♠ 7 3
♥ A J 9 5
♦ T 6 4
♣ A K J 3

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 4
♥ K Q 8 6
♦ 7 3
♣ Q T 6 5

♠ K 9 6 5 2
♥ 3
♦ A J 8 5
♣ 9 7 4

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♠	Dbl
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

Baker Negative 6

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

With 13 points and 4 of the "other" Major you make a Negative Double. Partner's rebid is 2♥. What is your next bid? [BID 4♥]

Partner has 4 ♥s and an opening hand. You have 4 ♥s and an opening hand. That adds up to a game bid and an 8-card ♥ fit. You bid 4♥.

Deal 8
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 4
♥ 5 2
♦ A Q 7 5 4 3
♣ A 7

10
11 2
17

♠ A Q 7 3
♥ K J T 7
♦ 8 2
♣ T 8 4

♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ Q 9 8 6 3
♦ 9
♣ 9 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ K T
♥ A 4
♦ K J T 6
♣ K Q J 6 5

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

3NT by North

Baker Negative 7
The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2NT]

Partner's Negative Double in this situation shows both Majors. You can't support either Major but with 18 points and good ♦ stoppers you jump to 2NT. Partner bids 3NT and everybody passes.

Deal 9

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 2
♥ 8 5
♦ J T 4
♣ T 6 5 4 2

17
5 8
10

♠ K 9 8 3

♥ T 4

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ A K Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J T 4
♥ K 7 6
♦ A 9 8 6
♣ 7 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dbl
All Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠

4 ♠ by South

Baker Negative 8

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

If you bid 1♠ now it would be showing a 5-card ♠ suit. So instead you make a Negative Double. Partner jumps to 2♠. What do you bid? [BID 4♠]

Partner's jump shows a Medium hand, 16 - 18 points. Add your 11 and you have enough for game so you bid it.

Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 7 5
♥ 8 6 4
♦ 2
♣ A Q 7 6

8
13 1
18

♠ K T 8 4

♥ K J 7 2

♦ 7 3

♣ J 9 5

N
W E
S

♠ 9 2
♥ T 9 5 3
♦ J 9 6 5
♣ 8 3 2

♠ 6 3
♥ A Q
♦ A K Q T 8 4
♣ K T 4

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Dbl	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2 ♠

3NT by North

Baker Negative 9

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2♠]

You have a very good hand but only 2 of partner's ♥ suit. You are actually too strong to just jump in ♦s so you cue-bid the opponent's suit. Partner now bids 3NT which you pass.

Deal 11

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ 6 5
♦ A J T 6 3
♣ T 8 4 3

11
5 14
10

♠ Q 3
♥ A K Q 8 7 2
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 7 5

N
W E
S

♠ A K J 9 6 5
♥ J T 4
♦ 5
♣ K Q 2

♠ T 8 2
♥ 9 3
♦ K Q 9 4
♣ A J 9 6

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

2♥ by North

Baker Negative 10

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

Ahhh, a perfect Negative Double. Both Majors have been bid and you have 4 cards in each Minor. So you double. Partner bids 2♥. What do you say next? [BID pass]

Well let's see. Partner shows no interest in your two Minors or notrump. And he has 6 ♥'s and a minimum hand. He wants to play it at 2♥ so you pass and let him.

Deal 12

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K J T 7 6
♥ 3 2
♦ A 3 2
♣ J T 7

8
9 7
16

♠ 8 2
♥ T 5
♦ K J 9 6
♣ A 8 6 3 2

N
W E
S
♠ Q 5 4
♥ K 8 7
♦ T 8 7 5
♣ Q 9 5
♠ A 9 3
♥ A Q J 9 6 4
♦ Q 4
♣ K 4

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker Negative 11

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 3 ♥]

Partner is showing both Minors but you are not interested in either one. Bidding notrump is a possibility but with just a single ♠ stopper is not advisable. With 18 points and a 6-card suit you jump in the suit. You bid 3 ♥ and partner raises to 4 ♥.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 6 5 4 3

♥ -

♦ T 6 2

♣ A T 8 7

♠ 7 2
♥ A K 8 5 4
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ J 4

N
W E
S

♠ A K Q
♥ Q J T 7 6 2
♦ 8 3
♣ 3 2

13

5 12

10

♠ T 8
♥ 9 3
♦ A J 9 4
♣ K Q 9 6 5

West North East South
Pass 1♠ 2♥ Dbl

3♦ by North

you made the right decision.

Baker Negative 12

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

When the two Majors have been bid, a Negative Double shows both Minors. So you double. Partner now bids 3♦. What do you say next? [BID pass]

This is difficult. You forced partner to bid and he supported your known ♦s. But he didn't jump so you figure him for 13-15 points. Revaluing your hand you get up to 13 points so it is just possible you have a 28 point total. That's not enough for game in ♦s so you pass.

As you can see you will lose 2 ♠s and 1 ♣ so

Deal 14
South Deals
None Vul

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

N
W E
S

♠ K J 9 4
♥ T 5 3 2
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 6 5

♠ A 5
♥ K J 9 4
♦ A Q T 5 4
♣ 4 3

11
11 4
14

West	North	East	South
2♣	Dbl	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♥
All Pass			4♥

4♥ by South

Baker Negative 13
The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2♥]

Partner's double promises 4 cards in at least one of the Majors. You certainly hope it is ♥s. You bid 2♥ and partner raises to 3♥. What do you bid next? [BID 4♥]

Once partner confirms he has the ♥s you can revalue your hand to 17 points. This gives you enough extra to accept partner's invitation. You bid 4♥.

Deal 15

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 2
♥ T 9 7 2
♦ A K T
♣ Q J 7

13
12 8
 7

♠ K J 9 3

♥ Q 8 3
♦ 8 3

♣ A K 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 4
♥ J 5
♦ Q J 6 5 2
♣ T 9 8 5

♠ T 8 7 5
♥ A K 6 4
♦ 9 7 4
♣ 3 2

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♦	Dbl
Pass	1♠	All Pass	

1 ♠ by North

Baker Negative 14

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

You have the special hand, 4-4 in the Majors,
so you make a Negative Double. Partner replies
1♠. What do you say? [BID pass]

Partner has a minimum opener with 4 ♠s. You
have a minimum response with 4 ♠s. Pass and
be grateful the opponents aren't bidding.

Deal 16

South Deals

None Vul

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

11	♠ K T 9 8
14 1	♥ A K 7 6 4
14	♦ 4
	♣ A 9 6

N	♠ 5 4 2
W	♥ 8 3 2
E	♦ T 3 2
S	♣ J T 5 3

West	North	East	South
2♦	Dbl	Pass	1♥
All Pass			4♠

4 ♠ by South

Baker Negative 15

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 4♠]

Sometimes using Negative Doubles seems like you can read minds. You know for sure that partner has 4 ♠s since that is the only unbid Major. You know for sure that partner has T+ points because he made a Negative Double of a 2-level overcall. So you conclude that your side has 8 ♠s and 27+ points and you bid 4♠.

Deal 17

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 5 3 2
♥ T 6 2
♦ 6 4
♣ 8 4 3

14
4 14
8

♠ 8 6
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ K Q T
♣ A Q J 5

N
W E
S

♠ K T 9 4
♥ A J 8
♦ 9 3 2
♣ T 9 6

♠ Q J
♥ K 4 3
♦ A J 8 7 5
♣ K 7 2

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

1 NT by North

Baker Negative 16

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 1♠]

The general guideline for a Negative Double when both Majors are unbid is that you must have 4+ cards in at least ONE of the Majors. But for this specific sequence, 1♣ - 1♦, you do not double unless you have BOTH Majors. When you have only one of them you just bid it. Like this hand. You bid 1♠. Partner rebids 1NT. What do you say? [BID pass]

Partner has a minimum hand and fewer than 4 ♠s. A good time for you to pass.

Deal 18

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 6 4

♥ Q

♦ A K 9 6 5 2

♣ K T

10

13

3

14

♠ A K Q 5

♥ 5 3

♦ 7 3

♣ J 9 6 3 2



♠ 9 7 3 2

♥ J T 9 8 2

♦ -

♣ Q 7 5 4

♠ 8

♥ A K 7 6 4

♦ Q J T 8 4

♣ A 8

West

North

East

South

1♥

2♦

Dbl

All Pass

2♦ X by West

Baker Negative 17

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

Partner has T+ points, a ♠ suit and fewer than 3 ♥s. Doesn't this look like the perfect hand to pass for penalties? Yes.

Deal 19

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 4 3 2

♥ A 8 2

♦ J 6

♣ 7 6 4

13
6 8
13

♠ K 8 7

♥ T 5 3

♦ A Q T

♣ A T 9 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q

♥ 9 7 4

♦ K 8 7 5 4

♣ Q J 5 2

♠ A T 9 6
♥ K Q J 6
♦ 9 3 2
♣ K 8

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♦	Dbl
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT by South

Baker Negative 18

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

This is one of the nicer parts of Negative Doubles. When the bidding is 1♣ - 1♦, a double by you promises both Majors. It's like you are allowed to bid both suits at once, 1♠♥. So you double and partner says 1NT. It is your bid. [BID 3NT]

Partner doesn't have 4 of either Major. But he does have 13 points and ♦'s stopped. You also have 13 points so you bid 3NT.

Deal 20

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 5 2
♥ K J 9 4 2
♦ 2
♣ Q 9 8 5

12
10 6
12

♠ K Q T 9 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 9 5

♣ K T 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 6
♥ Q T 7
♦ A 8 7 6 3
♣ 7 3 2

♠ J 7 3
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q J T 4
♣ A J 6

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Negative 19

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2♠]

It is the sign of a novice to support responder's 1-level response with only 3 of the suit. Very often he will have responded in a 4-card suit and you end up playing in a 7-card fit.

But that is not the case here. If partner had only 4 ♠s he would not have bid the suit, he would have made a Negative Double. Since his ♠ bid promises 5 it is quite correct for you to support with only 3. So you raise to 2♠ and partner bids the game.

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 8 4 2
♥ Q J 7 6 4
♦ 7 5 3
♣ -

14
4 13
9

♠ A K 7 5
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K 8 6
♣ 9 5

N
W E
S

♠ Q
♥ K
♦ Q J T 9 4
♣ A J 7 4 3 2

♠ 9 6 3
♥ T 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ K Q T 8 6

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

2♣X by East

he can. That's what North did here, but you converted it to a Penalty Double by passing.

Baker Negative 20

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

First let's agree on what you DON'T say. You don't say "double" because that would a Negative Double showing at least one 4-card Major. You don't support partner's ♦s with just two of them. You probably don't bid 1NT with no honor in either Major. So you pass. This is called a "Trap Pass". Partner re-opens with a double. What do you say? [BID pass]

Now you see why it's called a "Trap Pass". When an overcall is followed by two passes Opener should try to find another bid. In particular he should try to double for takeout if