

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2
 ♥ J 4 3
 ♦ J 8 2
 ♣ 6 4

♠ A J T

♥ Q T 7

♦ A 7 5

♣ K Q T 9



♠ K 6 5

♥ A 9 6 2

♦ 3

♣ A J 8 5 3

♠ 8 3

♥ K 8 5

♦ K Q T 9 6 4

♣ 7 2

| West | North | East | South |
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| | | 1 ♣ | 2 ♦ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3 ♥ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | |

3 NT by North

Baker Overcalls 19

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

With a good 6-card suit and 10 points you make a Weak Jump Overcall to 2 ♦. Partner says 2NT.

The 2NT bid is a standard response to a Weak 2-bid. It asks for the identification of any outside high-card if the Weak 2-bidder has more than a minimum. Here you are in the top range for your bid so you show your ♥K.

That was apparently the missing link for partner, he now says 3NT.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 6 4
 ♥ J T 9 6 3
 ♦ Q T 8 4
 ♣ Q 7

♠ A 8 5

♥ A K 7

♦ K J 6

♣ T 8 6 4

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♠ J 7

♥ Q 5

♦ 9 5 3 2

♣ A K J 5 3

♠ K Q T 9 3 2

♥ 8 4 2

♦ A 7

♣ 9 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| | | 1 ♣ | 2 ♠ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3 ♦ |
| Pass | 4 ♠ | All Pass | |

4 ♠ by North

Baker Overcalls 20

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

You might just try 4 ♠. Of course if partner has a minimum Weak Jump Overcall that will get you much too high. A better approach is to ask for more information from partner. The bid that asks is 2NT. Partner replies 3 ♦.

Partner's 3 ♦ bid tells you two things. One, he is in the top half of his 6-11 point range. Two, he has a high card (Ace or King) in ♦s. When you construct a hand for him which contains 6 pretty good ♠s and the ♦A you come up with a hand which will probably make game. Bid 4 ♠.