

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 2
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ Q 6 5
♣ A J 9 4

♠ T 7

♥ A J 9 7 4 2

♦ A 8 2

♣ K Q



♠ K 5

♥ T

♦ K J T 7 3

♣ 8 7 6 5 3

♠ Q J 9 8 6 4 3

♥ 6 5

♦ 9 4

♣ T 2

West

1NT

All Pass

North

Dbl

East

Pass

South

2♠

2♠ by South

Baker DONT 6

Partner's double asks you to bid 2♣ as a relay bid so he can name his suit.

But you don't want him to bid his 6-card suit, your hand is useless unless ♠s are trumps. So ignore the relay request and bid 2♠. Everybody passes.

Board 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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

2♥ by South

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 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 5 4
♥ A T 7 4
♦ K 8 2
♣ 8

♠ K 2

♥ 6 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ K J 9 6 5 3

	N	
W		E
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♠ 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

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

2♣ by South

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 4

West Deals

Both 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 5

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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

♠ K Q J 8 3

♥ A T 7 6 4

♦ 6

♣ K 8

West

North

East

South

1NT

2♥

Pass

3♥

Pass

4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

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♥.