

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T 9 2

♥ J 9 8 2

♦ J 9

♣ A K

♠ 4

♥ 6

♦ K 8 7 5 2

♣ Q J 9 7 6 4

	N	
W		E
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♠ K 8 6 5

♥ Q T 7 5 4 3

♦ T 4

♣ 2

♠ A 7 3

♥ A K

♦ A Q 6 3

♣ T 8 5 3

West	North	East	South
1♠	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

5♣ by South

Baker Michaels 17

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

This is a really good hand for Unusual Notrump. You bid 2NT and partner says 3♠. What do you say now?

Partner apparently has a big hand. His cue-bid is forcing, and probably means he wants to be in game. But for now you can just show your minimum strength and give a suit preference. You bid 4♣ and partner raises to 5♣.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 7 5 3
 ♥ A 9 8 4 2
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ 4

♠ K 8
 ♥ K 7 5
 ♦ A 6 3
 ♣ T 9 7 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 4
 ♥ J 6
 ♦ Q T 9 7 4 2
 ♣ K 6 5

♠ A 9 6 2
 ♥ Q T 3
 ♦ J 8
 ♣ A Q J 8

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

3♣ by North

Baker Michaels 18

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

Many times at Bridge you want to fight for the contract. This isn't one of them. With 6 HCP and only four cards total in partner's two suits just let the opponents have it. You pass.

Board 3

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 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 3

♥ Q J

♦ K Q J 9 3

♣ K Q 8 3

♠ K J T 5 2

♥ A 9 7 4 3

♦ 6 2

♣ T

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 6

♥ K 8 2

♦ A T 8 5 4

♣ J 6 4

♠ Q 8 7 4

♥ T 6 5

♦ 7

♣ A 9 7 5 2

West North East South

1♦ 2♦ 3♦ 3♠

All Pass

3♠ by South

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.