

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 4

♥ Q 9 2

♦ T 7 3 2

♣ A 6 5

♠ A K 8 2

♥ A K 3

♦ A 4

♣ K Q 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 7 3

♥ J T 7 5

♦ J 9 5

♣ J 3 2

♠ Q 6 5

♥ 8 6 4

♦ K Q 8 6

♣ T 8 7

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

3 NT by South

**Baker 2Club 1**

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 23 points you naturally open 2♣. Partner responds 2♦. What do you bid next?

You have 23 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 2NT. Partner raises to 3NT and you pass.

**Board 2**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 4  
♥ J 8 7 4  
♦ Q 5  
♣ K Q J 5 2

♠ T 8 7 2

♥ Q 5 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 9 7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ K Q 5  
♥ A K 6  
♦ A K 9 2  
♣ A T 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

2NT by South

**Baker 2Club 2**

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 2 points you make a Negative 2♦ response to partner's 2♣ opener. He now bids 2NT. What is your bid?

This isn't as clear-cut a decision as you might think at first. Partner is showing 22-24 points, and even though you only have 2 points it is possible that the partnership total could be 26. The thing that should convince you to pass is that a 24-2 point split doesn't play nearly as well as say a 13-13 split would. Lack of transportation would likely kill any chance of 3NT (or 4♠). So you pass.

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ A K 8 2

♥ A K 3

♦ A K

♣ K Q 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 7  
 ♥ J 7  
 ♦ J T 5 4  
 ♣ J 5 3 2

♠ Q 6 5  
 ♥ 8 6 4  
 ♦ Q 9 8 6  
 ♣ T 8 7

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

3NT by North

**Baker 2Club 3**

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 26 points you naturally open 2♣. Partner responds 2♦. What do you bid next?

You have 26 points and no 5-card suit. Since your hand is balanced you bid 3NT. Everybody passes.

**Board 4**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 9 6 4 3  
♥ J 9 7 4  
♦ T  
♣ K 7 3

♠ J T 8 2

♥ Q 5 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ J 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7  
♥ T 8 2  
♦ Q J 7 5 3  
♣ Q 6 5 2

♠ K Q 5  
♥ A K 6  
♦ A K 9 2  
♣ A T 8

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

3 NT by North

## Baker 2Club 4

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With only 4 points you make a Negative 2♦ response to partner's 2♣ opener. He now bids 2NT. What is your bid?

True, 4 points isn't much. But added to partner's 22-24 it becomes enough for a game. Your problem isn't whether to bid to the game or not, (you definitely will), but whether you should use Stayman to find out if there is a 4-4 ♠ fit. You decide not to do this because your 4-3-3-3 distribution removes the possibility of you getting any ruffs. So you bid 3NT.