

**Board 1**

East Deals

None Vul

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

♠ K Q T 9 3 2

♥ 9

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 9 7 5



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

♠ J 6 4

♥ A T 8 6 5

♦ K Q 9

♣ K 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♠

1NT

All Pass

Pass

2♠ by North

Baker DONT 19

Would you really bid over 1NT with only 5 HCP? In the balancing seat you should. Partner is marked with a pretty good hand, and you have a 6-card Major suit.

You do bid just 2♠ though, rather than a double followed by 2♠, which would show a stronger hand. Everybody passes.

**Board 2**

East Deals

None Vul

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

♠ Q T 7 4 2

♥ K T 9 7 4

♦ 5

♣ 4 2

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♠ A 6 5

♥ J 3 2

♦ K J T 7 3

♣ A Q

♠ J 9 3

♥ A 6 5

♦ A Q 8 6

♣ K 8 3

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

2♠ by South

Baker DONT 20

You would have opened 1♦ but after East opens 1NT you must pass.

Partner bids 2♥ in the balancing seat.

The 2♥ bid shows ♥s and ♠s.

You have absolutely no preference between the two suits. But you do have a preference as to where the opening lead will be coming from - you'd like West to have to lead through East's strength. Besides you feel like playing the last hand so you say 2♠ and everybody passes.