

**Board 1**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8

♥ A T 5

♦ K 3 2

♣ K Q 8 7 4

♠ T 7 5

♥ K Q J 9 8 2

♦ A 9 6

♣ 3

N
W
E
S

♠ K 9 6 3 2

♥ 6 3

♦ J T 8 4

♣ T 5

♠ Q J 4

♥ 7 4

♦ Q 7 5

♣ A J 9 6 2

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

2♥ by North

**Baker DONT 5**

With T HCP and a solid 6-card suit this is an ideal DONT bid. You double and partner follows procedure by saying 2♣.

Now you follow procedure by showing your 6-card suit. You bid 2♥ and everybody passes.

**Board 2**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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

♠ A 2

♥ K Q 8 3

♦ Q 6 5

♣ A J 9 4

West      North      East      South

Dbl      Pass      2♠      All Pass

2♠ by East

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 3**

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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 4**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 8 7 3  
♥ J 8 5 2  
♦ Q 9 6 4  
♣ Q

♠ J T 9 5 4

♥ A T 7 4

♦ K 8 2

♣ 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 2  
♥ 6 3  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ K J 9 6 5 3

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

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

2♣ by West

**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.