

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



♠ 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

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
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♠ 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♠

1NT

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



♠ 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. Youdouble.

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



♠ 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 | Db1 | 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.