

**Board 1**

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



♠ 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

Pass

3 ♣

1 ♦

All Pass

2 ♦

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 2**

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



♠ 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

1 ♦

All Pass

North

2 ♦

East

3 ♦

South

3 ♠

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.