

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2
♥ J 4 3
♦ J 8 2
♣ 6 4

♠ A J T
♥ Q T 7
♦ A 7 5
♣ K Q T 9

N
W E
S

♠ K 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ 3
♣ A J 8 5 3

♠ 8 3
♥ K 8 5
♦ K Q T 9 6 4
♣ 7 2

West	North	East	South
		1♣	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Overcalls 19

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

With a good 6-card suit and 10 points you make a Weak Jump Overcall to 2♦. Partner says 2NT.

The 2NT bid is a standard response to a Weak 2-bid. It asks for the identification of any outside high-card if the Weak 2-bidder has more than a minimum. Here you are in the top range for your bid so you show your ♥K.

That was apparently the missing link for partner, he now says 3NT.

Board 2

North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 8 5
♥ A K 7
♦ K J 6
♣ T 8 6 4

♠ J 7
♥ Q 5
♦ 9 5 3 2
♣ A K J 5 3

N
W E
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♠ K Q T 9 3 2
♥ 8 4 2
♦ A 7
♣ 9 2

♠ 6 4
♥ J T 9 6 3
♦ Q T 8 4
♣ Q 7

West	North	East	South
	1♣	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

4 ♠ by West

Baker Overcalls 20

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You might just try 4♠. Of course if partner has a minimum Weak Jump Overcall that will get you much too high. A better approach is to ask for more information from partner. The bid that asks is 2NT. Partner replies 3♦.

Partner's 3♦ bid tells you two things. One, he is in the top half of his 6-11 point range. Two, he has a high card (Ace or King) in ♦s. When you construct a hand for him which contains 6 pretty good ♠s and the ♦A you come up with a hand which will probably make game. Bid 4♠.