

**Board 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 6  
♥ A 7  
♦ J 9 4 2  
♣ T 9 7 5

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ K T 9 4

♦ 7 5

♣ 4 2

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

♠ A 3

♥ J 6 5

♦ A Q 8 6

♣ K 8 6 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♥

1NT

All Pass

Pass

2♥ by North

Baker DONT 16

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 like ♥s better and don't have enough strength to  
think about game so you pass.

**Board 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 2  
♥ K 7 6 4  
♦ K T 4 2  
♣ T 9 6 4

♠ T 6 4  
♥ J T 8 3  
♦ A J 8  
♣ A 7 5



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

♠ K Q J 9 7 5  
♥ 5 2  
♦ Q 9 5  
♣ 8 3

West

North

East

South

1NT

2♠

All Pass

2♠ by South

Baker DONT 17

You have a good 6-card suit but only 8 HCP. This is bare minimum for a DONT bid. The fact that your suit is ♠s should sway you toward bidding.

But with the weak hand you bid 2♠ instead of double. Everybody passes.

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ K Q 7  
♥ A T 6 5 3  
♦ A K 3  
♣ J 9



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

♠ 9 4 2  
♥ 8 4  
♦ T 8 2  
♣ K 8 5 4 2

West

North  
1NT

East  
All Pass

South

1 NT by North

Baker DONT 18

With 16 points and a balanced hand you were planning on opening 1NT yourself.

But one of the consequences of playing DONT is that you have no bid to describe this hand. You cannot double because then partner would just bid 2♣ as a relay and you wouldn't know where to go.

So you pass.

**Board 4**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

West

1NT

All Pass

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

2♠

2♠ by South

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 5**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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

	N	
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♠ 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

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

2♠ by North

Baker DONT 20

You would have opened 1♦ but after West 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 East to have to lead through West's strength. Besides you feel like playing the last hand so you say 2♠ and everybody passes.