

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J T
♥ A 6 5
♦ 9 8 4
♣ J 8 4 3

♠ K 8

♥ J 7 4 2

♦ K 7 6 2

♣ 9 6 5

	N	
W		E
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♠ 9 7 6 2
♥ 3
♦ Q J T 3
♣ K T 7 2

♠ Q 5 4 3
♥ K Q T 9 8
♦ A 5
♣ A Q

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♠

4♥ by North

Baker Help 9

Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Except for the ♠ weakness you have a nice hand. If partner can Help you in that suit then you want to be in game.

So you bid 2♠ and partner bids 4♥. Sometimes it is easy.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 7 6 2
♥ Q 9 4
♦ K Q
♣ J 9 4 3

♠ T 5 3

♥ A K 5 3

♦ 8 5 3

♣ Q T 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J
♥ J T 8 7
♦ A J T 7 4
♣ 7 6 5

♠ A K Q 8 4
♥ 6 2
♦ 9 6 2
♣ A K 8

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Help 10

Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You do have 9 points so you are inclined to bid game, but partner needs help in ♦ s, and you are bankrupt there. But rather than just signing off, this hand gives you a way to temporize.

You bid 3 ♥, a bid not covered in the Summary, but which you hope partner will interpret as meaning: "I can't help you in ♦ s, but I have some great ♥ s."

Apparently partner interpreted it the way you wanted since he bid the game.