

Board 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4 2
♥ A 9 8
♦ K T 8 5 2
♣ J 8

♠ K Q 8 6

♥ J 7 6

♦ J 7 6

♣ 9 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ 3
♥ T 5 4 3 2
♦ Q 9 4
♣ A K 7 2

♠ A T 9 7 5
♥ K Q
♦ A 3
♣ Q T 4 3

| West | North | East | South |
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| | | | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3♠ | All Pass | |

3 ♠ by North

Baker Major 19

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2♠.

Partner now bids 3♣. What do you bid next?

Again partner is inviting you to bid game. He wants you to bid it if you are at the top of your 6-T range, and he wants you to particularly promote any Help you can give him in ♣s.

You are at the bottom of your range and you have no help in ♣s, so you just return to ♠s. Partner passes.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 6 5

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 6 5 4

♣ A K J 2

♠ 9 3

♥ Q T 6

♦ K Q T 3

♣ 9 6 5 4

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ Q J T 8

♥ 9 8

♦ A 9 8

♣ Q 8 7 3

♠ A K 4 2
 ♥ A K J 5 3
 ♦ J 7 2
 ♣ T

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| | | | 1♥ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |

4♥ by North

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Your only reasonable response is 2♥. Partner now bids 3♦. What do you say?

With 8 points you are right in the middle of the 6-10 points you promised. So you could either accept partner's invitation or decline it. BUT, he said you should particularly look at any Help you could provide in ♦s. Since you have lots of good stuff in that suit you upgrade your 8 points and bid 4♥.