

Board 1

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 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

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♠ 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

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

2♠ by South

Baker DONT 20

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 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 West to have to lead through East's strength. Besides you feel like playing the last hand so you say 2♠ and everybody passes.