

Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K T 8
♥ A 8 2
♦ 8 5 3
♣ J 5 4 2

♠ A Q 5 2

♥ K Q 9
♦ J 7

♣ A T 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 6 4
♥ J 6 4 3
♦ Q 2
♣ K Q 3

♠ 7 3
♥ T 7 5
♦ A K T 9 6 4
♣ 8 6

West North East South
1NT Pass 3NT
All Pass

3NT by South

Baker Notrump 17

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

You have just 9 points, only 7 of which are HCP. Still, that ♦ suit is very likely to provide 5 or 6 tricks. Take a risk and bid 3NT.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 5
♥ K 6
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ K J T 7

♠ K 6 2

♥ Q T 7 4

♦ 9 8 5

♣ 9 8 2

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

♠ A 7 4 3
♥ A J 9
♦ K J 2
♣ Q 6 3

♠ T 9 8
♥ 8 5 3 2
♦ T 6 3
♣ A 5 4

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| West | North | East | South |
| | | 1NT | Pass |
| 4NT | All Pass | | |

4NT by West

Baker Notrump 18

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

With partner's 15, 16 or 17 points added to your 16 the total assets are 31, 32 or 33. That's only one chance in 3 of having the points you need for slam. On the other hand you have a pretty good 16. So you bid 4NT, inviting partner to bid the slam. He will pass if he has only 15, so the worst thing that can happen is that he puts you in slam with only 32 points.

So you bid 4NT and guess what? He passes.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J T 4

♥ Q763

♦ 9 8 3

♠ K 6

♥ K J 5

◆ T 75

♣ K Q J T 4

N
W E
S

♠ 9 8 5 3 2

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◆ A 4 2

♣ 9 7

♠ A Q 7

♥ A T 4

♦ K Q J 6

♣ A 8 3

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| West | North | East | South |
| | | | 2NT |
| Pass | 6NT | All Pass | |

6NT by North

Baker Notrump 19

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

Do the math. If partner only has 20 points you still come to 34 points, enough for the slam. If you want to use Gerber to check for Aces, go ahead. Or, just bid 6NT.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6 4 2

♥ 9 5

♦ Q J 4

♣ 7 3

♠ Q J 5

♥ A K J 6

♦ 9 6

♣ Q 9 5 4

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

♠ A T 3

♥ Q 7

♦ A T 7 5

♣ A J 6 2

♠ K

♥ T 8 4 3 2

♦ K 8 3 2

♣ K T 8

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|------|----------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | | 1NT | Pass |
| 2♠ | All Pass | | |

2 ♠ by West

Baker Notrump 20

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

You have a terrible hand and partner is not going to make 1NT. So you bid 2♠, the Drop-dead bid. You don't expect to make this either, but it will probably end up better than 1NT would have.