

**Board 1**  
West Deals  
None Vul

♠ 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

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

♠ 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

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

2 ♠ by North

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 2**

East Deals

None Vul

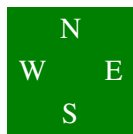
♠ 9 4 2  
♥ 8 4  
♦ T 8 2  
♣ K 8 5 4 2

♠ 8 6 5 3

♥ Q 9 2

♦ 7 5 4

♣ Q 6 3



♠ A J T

♥ K J 7

♦ Q J 9 6

♣ A T 7

♠ K Q 7

♥ A T 6 5 3

♦ A K 3

♣ J 9

West

North

East

South

1NT

All Pass

1 NT by East

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 3**

West Deals

None Vul

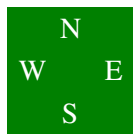
♠ A 5  
♥ K J 7  
♦ T 5 3 2  
♣ A Q J 8

♠ 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 4**

South Deals

Both Vul

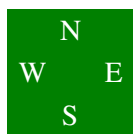
♠ J 9 3  
 ♥ A 6 5  
 ♦ A Q 8 6  
 ♣ K 8 3

♠ 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

♠ A 6 5

♥ J 3 2

♦ K J T 7 3

♣ A Q

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

2♠ by West

Baker DONT 20

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