

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 3

♥ T 2

♦ A K Q 9 3

♣ T 5 4

♠ A K 7 4

♥ K Q 9 6

♦ J 8

♣ 9 7 6



♠ 5 2

♥ A J 7 4 3

♦ T 6 5

♣ Q J 2

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass

2♠ by North

**Baker Minor 11**

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You have plenty good support to raise partner's ♣ suit. But your first priority is to show a 4-card Major suit if you have one. You do, so you respond 1♠. Partner raises you to 2♠.

Are you tempted to take partner back to ♣s since you have such good support? Don't be. Partner has 4 ♠s, but he might have only 3 ♣s.

Are you tempted to bid 3♠ since partner raised you? Don't be. He showed a minimum hand with his single raise and you only have 9 points. Just pass.

**Board 2**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 2

♥ 7 4

♦ J 9 7

♣ A 9 7 4 2

♠ A K 9

♥ K Q 8 3

♦ Q T 4 2

♣ T 3



♠ T 8 5 4 3

♥ T 5 2

♦ 6 5

♣ K Q 6

♠ 7 6

♥ A J 9 6

♦ A K 8 3

♣ J 8 5

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

4♥ by South

**Baker Minor 12**

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

Some might jump to 2NT, "to show partner my point count". Some might jump to 3♦, "to force partner to game and show my ♦ support". The wise ones will just bid 1♥, striving to find an 8-card Major fit, the first priority of bidding.

You choose the 1♥ route, and partner obligingly says 2♥. What do you bid next?

Remember "She who knows, goes"? You know of the 8-card Major fit. You know of at least 26 combined points. You know you should bid 4♥, so you do.

**Board 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 8 4 2  
♥ T 6 5 4 2  
♦ A 8  
♣ 3 2

♠ Q J T 7

♥ K Q 9 8

♦ 7 6 2

♣ K Q

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♠ 5  
♥ J 3  
♦ K Q 5 4 3  
♣ 9 8 6 5 4

♠ K 9 6 3  
♥ A 7  
♦ J T 9  
♣ A J T 7

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

4 ♠ by North

**Baker Minor 13**

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

When you have two 4-card suits to show you bid them "up-the-line". In this case it means you say 1♥. Partner replies 1♠. What do you bid?

There are enough points for game and a known 8-card Major fit. So you bid 4♠.

Perfect bidding isn't always rewarded. They can win three ♦ tricks and the Ace of trumps. If the opening lead is a ♥ or a ♣ you might make it, so it just depends on luck.

**Board 4**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 6  
♥ 8 5 4  
♦ J 4 3  
♣ J T 2

♠ K T 4

♥ J 9 7

♦ A K 7 2

♣ K 5 3

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♠ 7 3 2  
♥ A Q 3 2  
♦ T 5  
♣ Q 8 7 4

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

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

**Baker Minor 14**

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You have two very good choices, neither of which is really wrong. You could bid 2NT, showing 13-16 points, balanced, or you could bid 3♦, showing 13-16 points, good trump support.

What should decide you is the bidding priorities. You'd much rather try to play a 9-trick game than an 11-trick game. And at the same time you must trust your partner not to leave you hung out in Notrump with an unsuitable hand. (Can you believe I wrote Notrump and unsuitable in the same sentence?)

Anyway, you bid 2NT and partner raises to 3NT.

**Board 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 4  
♥ 9 7 2  
♦ T 9 5 3  
♣ A T 9

♠ A K 9 2

♥ J 5

♦ K 7 2

♣ K 8 3 2

	N	
W		E
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♠ Q 7 5  
♥ A 8 4 3  
♦ J 8 4  
♣ 7 6 4

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

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

**Baker Minor 15**

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

With 14 points and a 4-3-3-3 distribution this could be the perfect hand for a jump to 2NT. But not when the 4-card suit is a Major - you should not skip bidding a Major when you have the opportunity.

So you respond 1♥. Partner says 1♠. What do you bid?

Partner doesn't have 4 ♥s so you go back to thinking this is an ideal notrump hand. So ideal that you apply the "She who knows, goes" principle and bid 3NT. Partner smiles and passes.