

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T 6 5

♥ 5 4

♦ K Q 3

♣ T 9 2

♠ K 7 3

♥ Q T 6 2

♦ J 5

♣ J 8 7 4



♠ 9 8 2

♥ A 7 3

♦ A T 6 4

♣ A 6 3

♠ A 4

♥ K J 9 8

♦ 9 8 7 2

♣ K Q 5

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

2♥ by South

**Baker Minor 1**

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would say, then BID above.

With 13 points you will open. You cannot bid 1♥ with only 4 of them, so you say 1♦. Partner responds 1♥ and it is your bid again.

Partner's response is forcing. He might have anywhere from 6 points to about 17. With a minimum opener and 4-card support for his Major suit you bid 2♥. Partner passes.

**Board 2**

West Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ 9 8 3

♥ T 8 7

♦ A Q 6 4

♣ J 8 5

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♠ 7 6 2  
♥ Q 9 6  
♦ J 9 2  
♣ A Q 9 6

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

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1NT	All Pass

1 NT by East

**Baker Minor 2**

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

You are not strong enough to open 1NT, but too strong to pass. You bid 1♦. Partner responds 1NT. What do you say next?

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With that small doubleton in ♣s it is very tempting to rescue partner from 1NT by bidding 2♠. There are three good reasons why you don't. First, bidding 1♦ followed by 2♠ is a REVERSE, which shows a strong hand, perhaps 16-17 points or more. Second, and even more important, partner's 1NT bid DENIES a 4-card Major suit. And third, partner probably has something in ♣s since he has no 4-card Major and also didn't feel like supporting your ♦s.

So you pass and hope for the best.

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 4 2

♥ 9

♦ A Q T 9 6 4 2

♣ J 9

♠ A K 9 7

♥ A Q J 5

♦ 5

♣ A 8 6 4



♠ Q T 8

♥ T 6 4 3

♦ K J

♣ T 7 3 2

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

4♥ by North

**Baker Minor 3**

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

The ♥ and ♠ suits look really good, but neither of them are 5 cards, so you open 1♣. Partner responds 1♥. What is your next bid?

Partner's bid shows 6-10 points and at least 4 ♥s. Since you now know there is an 8-card Major suit fit you revalue your hand, adding 2 more points for the singleton ♦.

That gives you 20 points; add partner's 6-T and you have enough for game. She who knows, goes, so you bid 4♥.

**Board 4**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 8 6 5 4

♥ A 8 6

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 9 5

♠ J

♥ K T 9 3

♦ J 9 8 6

♣ K J 7 4

N
W
E
S

♠ A T 9 7

♥ 7 5

♦ A K

♣ A T 8 3 2

♠ Q 3 2

♥ Q J 4 2

♦ Q T 5 3

♣ Q 6

West      North      East      South

1♣                    1♣

1♠      Pass      3♠      Pass

4♠      Pass

4 ♠ by West

**Baker Minor 4**

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

You have the right strength but the wrong distribution to open 1NT. So you bid 1♣. Partner responds 1♠. What do you say next?

With partner's ♠ bid giving you a fit, your hand revalues to 18 points. If partner has only 6 or 7 points there is not enough for game, but if he has more than that then you should bid game.

When you are in-between like this you just invite. So you jump to 3♠. This tells partner to bid game if he has more than the minimum for his bid. He has 9 revalued points, so he bids 4♠.

**Board 5**

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ Q 7 3  
♥ K T 3  
♦ K T 4  
♣ A Q T 2

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

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

3 NT by South

Baker Minor 5  
You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

This is the one situation when you open a 3-card ♦ suit; two 4-card Majors, three ♦s and two ♣s, but not enough strength to open 1NT.

Partner responds 2NT. What do you bid?

Partner's bid shows 13-16 points, balanced. And most importantly, it denies holding a 4-card Major suit. So you do not consider bidding either your ♥s or ♠s, but just bid 3NT.