

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 6 2
♥ 3
♦ Q J T 3
♣ K T 7 2

♠ Q 5 4 3

♥ K Q T 9 8

♦ A 5

♣ A Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J T
♥ A 6 5
♦ 9 8 4
♣ J 8 4 3

♠ K 8

♥ J 7 4 2

♦ K 7 6 2

♣ 9 6 5

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

4♥ by South

Baker Help 9

Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Except for the ♠ weakness you have a nice hand. If partner can Help you in that suit then you want to be in game.

So you bid 2♠ and partner bids 4♥. Sometimes it is easy.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 5 3
♥ A K 5 3
♦ 8 5 3
♣ Q T 2

♠ J

♥ J T 8 7

♦ A J T 7 4

♣ 7 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q 8 4
♥ 6 2
♦ 9 6 2
♣ A K 8

♠ 9 7 6 2
♥ Q 9 4
♦ K Q
♣ J 9 4 3

West

North

East

South

2♠

Pass

3♦

3♥

Pass

4♠

4 ♠ by East

Baker Help 10

Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You do have 9 points so you are inclined to bid game, but partner needs help in ♦s, and you are bankrupt there. But rather than just signing off, this hand gives you a way to temporize.

You bid 3♥, a bid not covered in the Summary, but which you hope partner will interpret as meaning: "I can't help you in ♦s, but I have some great ♥s."

Apparently partner interpreted it the way you wanted since he bid the game.