

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A J
♥ A J T 5
♦ K T 8 5 2
♣ 5 2

♠ Q T 6 5 2

♥ K Q 9 7 3

♦ 7

♣ J 9



♠ K 9 8 4 3

♥ 8 4

♦ Q J 9 3

♣ T 6

♠ 7

♥ 6 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3

West

1 ♦

All Pass

North

2 ♦

East

Pass

South

3 ♣

3 ♣ by South

Baker Michaels 19

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

With two 5-card Majors of course you bid 2 ♦.

Partner responds 3 ♣. What do you say now?

This wasn't according to your script. Partner was supposed to choose a Major. The reason he didn't, of course, is that he didn't like either one and figured you would be better in ♣s. So you pass.

Board 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 3
♥ Q J
♦ K Q J 9 3
♣ K Q 8 3

♠ K J T 5 2

♥ A 9 7 4 3

♦ 6 2

♣ T



♠ 9 6
♥ K 8 2
♦ A T 8 5 4
♣ J 6 4

♠ Q 8 7 4

♥ T 6 5

♦ 7

♣ A 9 7 5 2

West

1 ♦

All Pass

North

2 ♦

East

3 ♦

South

3 ♠

3 ♠ by South

Baker Michaels 20

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

You don't have a great hand but you DO have 4 ♠s. So don't let the opponents have a 3-level contract when your side has 9 ♠s. Bid 3 ♠.

Note: See the Law of Total Tricks Lesson on this topic.