

Board 1

South Deals

None 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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 2

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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 3

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
	S	

♠ 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.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q 6 3 2
♦ 6
♣ Q 6 4 3 2

♠ A 7

♥ K 9

♦ K J 9 7 4

♣ J T 8 5



♠ J 5 4 2
♥ J 7 5
♦ A 8 5 2
♣ K 7

♠ K T 9 3
♥ A T 8 4
♦ Q T 3
♣ A 9

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

3 NT by South

Baker Minor 16

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

You have great ♦ support and perhaps 15 points. The "perhaps" is because partner may have only 3 ♦s, and if you are the long-trump hand any ruffs you take will probably not increase the number of trump tricks your side makes. But still, you have a great hand.

So you bid 3♦. Partner now says 3NT. What do you bid?

You described your hand very well with your first bid. Partner heard the description and chose 3NT. Since you trust your partner you pass.