

**Board 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 5  
♥ T  
♦ K J T 7 3  
♣ 8 7 6 5 3

♠ Q J 9 8 6 4 3

♥ 6 5

♦ 9 4

♣ T 2



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

♠ T 7

♥ A J 9 7 4 2

♦ A 8 2

♣ K Q

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♠

1NT

All Pass

Dbl

2♠ by North

Baker DONT 6

Partner's double asks you to bid 2♣ as a relay bid so he can name his suit.

But you don't want him to bid his 6-card suit, your hand is useless unless ♠s are trumps. So ignore the relay request and bid 2♠. Everybody passes.

**Board 2**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 9 7

♥ J 7 3

♦ K Q 5

♣ Q J 4

♠ T 8 6 5 2

♥ T

♦ J T 7 2

♣ A 9 6



♠ K Q 3

♥ A 5 4

♦ A 9 4

♣ K 8 3 2

♠ 4

♥ K Q 9 8 6 2

♦ 8 6 3

♣ T 7 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Dbl

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♥

All Pass

2 ♥ by East

**Baker DONT 7**

In the balancing seat it is distribution that counts, not point count. With a 6-card Major suit and a singleton you should not let them play 1NT. You double.

Partner makes the relay bid of 2 ♣.

You bid your suit, 2 ♥, and everybody passes. Notice that partner had a decent hand, but could not bid over 1NT in the immediate seat.

**Board 3**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 5 4  
 ♥ A T 7 4  
 ♦ K 8 2  
 ♣ 8

♠ K 2

♥ 6 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ K J 9 6 5 3

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♠ Q 6

♥ K Q 9

♦ A J T

♣ A T 7 4 2

♠ A 8 7 3

♥ J 8 5 2

♦ Q 9 6 4

♣ Q

West

North

East

South

Pass

Dbl

1NT

Pass

Pass

2♣

All Pass

2♣ by South

**Baker DONT 8**

You don't have a 6-card suit, nor do you have a 5-4 pair of suits. So even with a singleton you don't want to use DONT here. So you pass.

Partner makes a DONT double in the balancing seat.

Right now you probably have a premonition about what is going to happen next. But there really is nothing you can say other than 2♣.

Your premonition came true. Partner passes and you are left playing 2♣ with a singleton. Nobody promised that DONT would always get you to a good contract.

**Board 4**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 4

♥ K Q J T 7 4 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 6 2

♠ A 9 6

♥ A 9 6 5

♦ A Q

♣ Q T 7 5



♠ 8 5

♥ 8 2

♦ T 9 6

♣ A K J 9 8 3

♠ K Q T 7 3 2

♥ -

♦ K J 8 4 3 2

♣ 4

West

North

East

South

2♥

1NT

Dbl

Pass

All Pass

2♥ by West

**Baker DONT 9**

You only have 8 HCP but with such a good 6-card suit you should interfere with a DONT bid. You double and partner surprises you by saying 2♥.

There is a reason partner didn't say 2♣ (which you were going to pass). And the reason is that he figures you will be better off in his ♥s. Since you trust your partner you pass.

**Board 5**  
West Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ K Q J 8 3  
♥ A T 7 6 4  
♦ 6  
♣ K 8



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

♠ 7  
♥ Q J 8 2  
♦ K Q T 7 4  
♣ 9 7 3

West	North	East	South
1NT	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

Baker DONT 10  
Since partner has entered the bidding in the immediate seat he should have a pretty good hand, with 9+ cards in ♥s and ♠s.

Usually you are happy to settle for partscore after a DONT sequence, but with such an excellent fit for ♥s your hand is worth a raise.

So you bid 3♥ and partner says 4♥.