

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 8 6 5

♥ 4 3

♦ 5 2

♣ Q 5 4 2

♠ A J T

♥ Q T 7

♦ K J 6

♣ A K 8 3



♠ 3

♥ A 9 8 6 2

♦ Q T 9 7 4

♣ J 9

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ K J 5

♦ A 8 3

♣ T 7 6

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1♣ | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

3 NT by South

Baker Minor 9

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

This would be an ideal hand to open 1NT - well, it would be with one less point. But with 18 you are too strong to open 1NT so you open 1♣. Partner responds 1♠. What do you bid next?

DO NOT fall into the trap of supporting partner's ♠s just because you have such nice help for him. He might have a 4-card suit. Instead, just describe your hand by jumping to 2NT, showing a balanced hand with 18-19 points. Partner now bids 3NT and you play it there.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 5

♥ T 9 6 4 3

♦ K J 9 5

♣ 5

♠ Q J 6

♥ A K 7

♦ Q 8 6 4

♣ A K 8

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| N | ♠ 3 |
| W | ♥ 8 2 |
| E | ♦ A T 7 2 |
| S | ♣ Q J T 9 6 2 |

♠ K T 9 7 4 2

♥ Q J 5

♦ 3

♣ 7 4 3

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| | 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | |

4 ♠ by North

Baker Minor 10

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

You open 1♦ and partner responds 1♠. What is your next bid?

Do not support what may be a 4-card suit with only 3 cards. Instead, jump to 2NT, showing 18-19, balanced. Partner rebids the ♠s. What do you say next?

Partner shows a minimum hand, but with 6 ♠s. 3NT is very tempting, and might work out fine, but with 9 ♠s it is probably better to play the suit game. So you bid 4♠ and everybody passes.

Bidding 4♠ was a good choice. It makes easily, yet 3NT might have gone down.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ A J 7 4 3
♦ T 6 5
♣ Q J 2

♠ J T 9 6

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K 8 3

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|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ Q 8 3
♥ T 2
♦ A K Q 9 3
♣ T 5 4

♠ A K 7 4
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ J 8
♣ 9 7 6

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 1♣ |
| Pass | Pass | | 2♠ |

2♠ by South

Baker Minor 11

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

You have plenty good support to raise partner's ♣ suit. But your first priority is to show a 4-card Major suit if you have one. You do, so you respond 1♠. Partner raises you to 2♠.

Are you tempted to take partner back to ♣s since you have such good support? Don't be. Partner has 4 ♠s, but he might have only 3 ♣s.

Are you tempted to bid 3♠ since partner raised you? Don't be. He showed a minimum hand with his single raise and you only have 9 points. Just pass.

Board 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 2

♥ 7 4

♦ J 9 7

♣ A 9 7 4 2

♠ A K 9

♥ K Q 8 3

♦ Q T 4 2

♣ T 3



♠ T 8 5 4 3

♥ T 5 2

♦ 6 5

♣ K Q 6

♠ 7 6

♥ A J 9 6

♦ A K 8 3

♣ J 8 5

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

4♥ by South

Baker Minor 12

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

Some might jump to 2NT, "to show partner my point count". Some might jump to 3♦, "to force partner to game and show my ♦ support". The wise ones will just bid 1♥, striving to find an 8-card Major fit, the first priority of bidding.

You choose the 1♥ route, and partner obligingly says 2♥. What do you bid next?

Remember "She who knows, goes"? You know of the 8-card Major fit. You know of at least 26 combined points. You know you should bid 4♥, so you do.