

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 3

♥ 9 8

♦ K 3 2

♣ K Q T 5 4

♠ K Q T 8

♥ Q 6

♦ Q J 9 6

♣ A 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 5 4

♥ T 5 3 2

♦ A 8 7 4

♣ J 8 2

♠ A 9 6 2  
 ♥ A K J 7 4  
 ♦ T 5  
 ♣ 7 3

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

4 ♠ by North

**Baker Major 17**

You MIGHT jump to 2NT to "show your points".

However, a notrump bid now would deny a 4-card ♠ suit. Instead, your priority is to show that Major, so you respond 1♠. Partner bids 2♠. What do you say next?

Partner would not support a response which might be 4 cards unless he had 4 himself. Knowing that you have two opening hands facing each other, each containing 4 ♠s, you bid the ♠ game.

**Board 2**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 4 3

♥ A T 9 8 5 3

♦ 8

♣ K T 2

♠ K Q 8 6

♥ J 7 6

♦ Q J 7 6

♣ 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 2

♥ 4 2

♦ A 9 4 3 2

♣ Q 8 5 4 3

♠ A T 9 7 5

♥ K Q

♦ K T 5

♣ A J 7

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

**Baker Major 18**

With 4-card support you respond 2♠. Partner raises to 3♠. What do you say next?

Partner's bid is an invitation. You have told him you have 6-10 points and he probably has about 17-18. If you are at the high end of your 6-T he wants you to bid game, at the low end he wants you to pass. You actually have T, definitely high end, so you bid 4♠.

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 3  
♥ T 5 4 3 2  
♦ Q 9 4  
♣ A K 7 2

♠ A T 9 7 5

♥ K Q

♦ A 3

♣ Q T 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ K Q 8 6  
♥ J 7 6  
♦ J 7 6  
♣ 9 6 5

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

3 ♠ by South

**Baker Major 19**

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2♠.

Partner now bids 3♣. What do you bid next?

Again partner is inviting you to bid game. He wants you to bid it if you are at the top of your 6-T range, and he wants you to particularly promote any Help you can give him in ♣s.

You are at the bottom of your range and you have no help in ♣s, so you just return to ♠s. Partner passes.

**Board 4**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 6 5

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 6 5 4

♣ A K J 2

♠ 9 3

♥ Q T 6

♦ K Q T 3

♣ 9 6 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J T 8

♥ 9 8

♦ A 9 8

♣ Q 8 7 3

♠ A K 4 2

♥ A K J 5 3

♦ J 7 2

♣ T

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

4♥ by North

**Baker Major 20**

Your only reasonable response is 2♥. Partner now bids 3♦. What do you say?

With 8 points you are right in the middle of the 6-10 points you promised. So you could either accept partner's invitation or decline it. BUT, he said you should particularly look at any Help you could provide in ♦s. Since you have lots of good stuff in that suit you upgrade your 8 points and bid 4♥.