

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ K 7 3

♥ Q T 6 2

♦ J 5

♣ J 8 7 4



♠ A 4

♥ K J 9 8

♦ 9 8 7 2

♣ K Q 5

♠ 9 8 2

♥ A 7 3

♦ A T 6 4

♣ A 6 3

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

2 ♥ by South

**Baker Minor 1**

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would say, then BID above.

With 13 points you will open. You cannot bid 1 ♥ with only 4 of them, so you say 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♥ and it is your bid again.

Partner's response is forcing. He might have anywhere from 6 points to about 17. With a minimum opener and 4-card support for his Major suit you bid 2 ♥. Partner passes.

**Board 2**

West Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ 9 8 3

♥ T 8 7

♦ A Q 6 4

♣ J 8 5



♠ 7 6 2

♥ Q 9 6

♦ J 9 2

♣ A Q 9 6

♠ K T 4

♥ A 5 3 2

♦ 8 7

♣ K T 4 3

West

1 ♦

North

Pass

East

1NT

South

All Pass

1 NT by East

So you pass and hope for the best.

**Baker Minor 2**

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

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With that small doubleton in ♣s it is very tempting to rescue partner from 1NT by bidding 2 ♠. There are three good reasons why you don't. First, bidding 1 ♦ followed by 2 ♠ is a REVERSE, which shows a strong hand, perhaps 16-17 points or more. Second, and even more important, partner's 1NT bid DENIES a 4-card Major suit. And third, partner probably has something in ♣s since he has no 4-card Major and also didn't feel like supporting your ♦s.

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 4 2  
♥ 9  
♦ A Q T 9 6 4 2  
♣ J 9

♠ A K 9 7

♥ A Q J 5

♦ 5

♣ A 8 6 4

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

♠ Q T 8

♥ T 6 4 3

♦ K J

♣ T 7 3 2

♠ 6 5 3

♥ K 8 7 2

♦ 8 7 3

♣ K Q 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

1 ♥

4 ♥

All Pass

4 ♥ by North

**Baker Minor 3**

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

The ♥ and ♠ suits look really good, but neither of them are 5 cards, so you open 1 ♣. Partner responds 1 ♥. What is your next bid?

Partner's bid shows 6-10 points and at least 4 ♥s. Since you now know there is an 8-card Major suit fit you revalue your hand, adding 2 more points for the singleton ♦.

That gives you 20 points; add partner's 6-T and you have enough for game. She who knows, goes, so you bid 4 ♥.

**Board 4**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 8 6 5 4  
 ♥ A 8 6  
 ♦ 7 4 2  
 ♣ 9 5

♠ J

♥ K T 9 3

♦ J 9 8 6

♣ K J 7 4



♠ Q 3 2

♥ Q J 4 2

♦ Q T 5 3

♣ Q 6

♠ A T 9 7

♥ 7 5

♦ A K

♣ A T 8 3 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by West

**Baker Minor 4**

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

You have the right strength but the wrong distribution to open 1NT. So you bid 1 ♣. Partner responds 1 ♠. What do you say next?

With partner's ♠ bid giving you a fit, your hand revalues to 18 points. If partner has only 6 or 7 points there is not enough for game, but if he has more than that then you should bid game.

When you are in-between like this you just invite. So you jump to 3 ♠. This tells partner to bid game if he has more than the minimum for his bid. He has 9 revalued points, so he bids 4 ♠.

**Board 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4  
♥ A 7 5  
♦ Q 9 7  
♣ J 7 6 4 3

♠ Q 7 3

♥ K T 3

♦ K T 4

♣ A Q T 2

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

♠ K J T 8

♥ Q J 9 6

♦ A 6 5

♣ K 9

♠ A 6 5 2

♥ 8 4 2

♦ J 8 3 2

♣ 8 5

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

3 NT by South

**Baker Minor 5**

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

This is the one situation when you open a 3-card ♦ suit; two 4-card Majors, three ♦s and two ♣s, but not enough strength to open 1NT.

Partner responds 2NT. What do you bid?

Partner's bid shows 13-16 points, balanced. And most importantly, it denies holding a 4-card Major suit. So you do not consider bidding either your ♥s or ♠s, but just bid 3NT.

**Board 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 3

♥ J 6 4

♦ 9 3

♣ K T 9 8 5

♠ K 7 5 4

♥ 8 7 5 3

♦ K J 7

♣ 7 6



♠ 8 6

♥ T 2

♦ A Q T 6 5

♣ A Q J 2

♠ Q T 9 2

♥ A K Q 9

♦ 8 4 2

♣ 4 3

West

North

East

South

1NT

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

All Pass

3 ♣ by West

**Baker Minor 6**

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

With a 5-card and a 4-card Minor you open the 5-card. Partner responds 1NT. What do you say now?

With only 14 points a pass might be the best bid. But with doubletons in both Majors, knowing partner does not have 4 of either, you elect to bid 2 ♣. Partner now surprises you and bids 3 ♣. It's your bid.

Partner evidently found some hidden treasure when he revalued! But you still have only 16 points at the most so you pass.