

**Board 1**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T 9 2

♥ J 9 8 2

♦ J 9

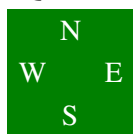
♣ A K

♠ 4

♥ 6

♦ K 8 7 5 2

♣ Q J 9 7 6 4



♠ K 8 6 5

♥ Q T 7 5 4 3

♦ T 4

♣ 2

♠ A 7 3

♥ A K

♦ A Q 6 3

♣ T 8 5 3

West

1 ♠

Pass

All Pass

North

2NT

4 ♣

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

5 ♣

5 ♣ by South

**Baker Michaels 17**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

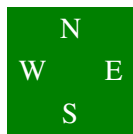
This is a really good hand for Unusual Notrump. You bid 2NT and partner says 3 ♠. What do you say now?

Partner apparently has a big hand. His cue-bid is forcing, and probably means he wants to be in game. But for now you can just show your minimum strength and give a suit preference. You bid 4 ♣ and partner raises to 5 ♣.

**Board 2**  
 East Deals  
 N-S Vul

♠ K 8  
 ♥ K 7 5  
 ♦ A 6 3  
 ♣ T 9 7 3 2

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



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

♠ Q J 7 5 3  
 ♥ A 9 8 4 2  
 ♦ K 5  
 ♣ 4

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

3 ♣ by West

Baker Michaels 18  
 The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Many times at Bridge you want to fight for the contract. This isn't one of them. With 6 HCP and only four cards total in partner's two suits just let the opponents have it. You pass.

**Board 3**

West Deals

E-W Vul

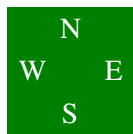
♠ A J  
♥ A J T 5  
♦ K T 8 5 2  
♣ 5 2

♠ Q T 6 5 2

♥ K Q 9 7 3

♦ 7

♣ J 9



♠ K 9 8 4 3

♥ 8 4

♦ Q J 9 3

♣ T 6

♠ 7

♥ 6 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3

West

1 ♦

All Pass

North

2 ♦

East

Pass

South

3 ♣

3 ♣ by South

Baker Michaels 19

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With two 5-card Majors of course you bid 2 ♦.

Partner responds 3 ♣. What do you say now?

This wasn't according to your script. Partner was supposed to choose a Major. The reason he didn't, of course, is that he didn't like either one and figured you would be better in ♣s. So you pass.

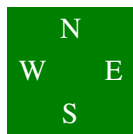
**Board 4**

North Deals

Both Vul

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

♠ A 3  
♥ Q J  
♦ K Q J 9 3  
♣ K Q 8 3



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

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

West

North

East

South

3 ♠

1 ♦

2 ♦

3 ♦

All Pass

3 ♠ by West

Baker Michaels 20

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You don't have a great hand but you DO have 4 ♠s. So don't let the opponents have a 3-level contract when your side has 9 ♠s. Bid 3 ♠.

Note: See the Law of Total Tricks Lesson on this topic.