

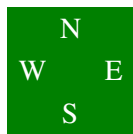
Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8 5
♥ 2
♦ J T 7 6 5
♣ K J 8 3

♠ A 7 3
♥ A Q J T 6
♦ K Q
♣ 9 7 4



♠ K Q J 9 2
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ 4 2
♣ Q 2

♠ 6 4
♥ K 9 8
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ A T 6 5

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker Negative 1

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

I admit it, I tried to trap you. Just because this is a lesson about Negative Doubles doesn't mean you should abandon your normal good bidding practices. You have a known 8-card ♥ fit so you don't need to bother telling partner about your two 4-card Minors. With 12 points and support you make a cue-bid in the opponent's suit which tells partner you have limit-raise or better.

Partner now bids 4 ♥ which you pass.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J T 9 7 5 2

♥ Q

♦ A 7

♣ A 8 3

♠ 6 4

♥ K 9 8 6

♦ 9 8 3

♣ K Q 6 5

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| | N | |
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♠ A 3

♥ A T 7 5

♦ K Q J 6

♣ T 4 2

♠ Q 8

♥ J 4 3 2

♦ T 5 4 2

♣ J 9 7

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Dbl

Pass

1 ♦

All Pass

2 ♥

2 ♥ by South

Baker Negative 2

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

With 8 points and 4 ♥s you have enough to make a negative double. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say now?

Partner also has 4 ♥s. Unfortunately his strength is only in the 13-15 point range. So you pass.

Board 3

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J
♥ T 7 4 2
♦ K J 5 2
♣ J 9 8

♠ 6 4

♥ K J 9 8

♦ A 9 3

♣ A Q T 5

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

♠ K Q T 9 3

♥ 5

♦ T 8 7

♣ K 6 4 2

♠ 8 7 5 2

♥ A Q 6 3

♦ Q 6 4

♣ 7 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

1 ♠

Dbl

Pass

2 ♥

All Pass

2 ♥ by North

Baker Negative 3

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

Partner is showing you a ♥ suit with at least 6 points. With 4 ♥s in a minimum strength hand your rebid is 2 ♥. Everyone passes.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 9 3
♥ A Q T 5 4
♦ K 9 4
♣ 9 3

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 9 8 6

♦ 7 3

♣ Q 6 5



♠ Q T 7 5

♥ 7 3

♦ A J T 6

♣ A K J

♠ 8 2

♥ K 2

♦ Q 8 5 2

♣ T 8 7 4 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Dbl

Pass

1 ♦

2 ♠

All Pass

2 ♠ by South

Baker Negative 4

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

You just scrape 7 points together. With your 4-card Major that's enough for a Negative Double. So you double and partner jumps to 2 ♠. What is your bid?

Partner's jump is inviting but it takes more than just a simple jump to get you excited with this junk. Even though partner has 16-18 points you pass.

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

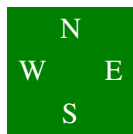
♠ 8 5 4
♥ A J T 3
♦ T 9 3
♣ 9 7 3

♠ K J 7 3

♥ 6

♦ A Q J 7

♣ A T 8 5



♠ T 9

♥ K Q 9 5 4

♦ K 6 4 2

♣ Q 4

♠ A Q 6 2

♥ 8 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ K J 6 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

1 ♥

Dbl

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by South

Baker Negative 5

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

Partner has indicated a 4-card ♠ suit. Since you also have 4 you will naturally bid them. However, with the ♠ fit your hand revalues to 17 points. So you jump to 2 ♠. Partner bids the game.