

Board 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 6
♥ 2
♦ 8 7 5 3
♣ A K 9 4 3

♠ A K T 8
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ Q T 9 6
♣ 8

N ♠ J 4 3 2
W ♥ Q J
E ♦ A 4 2
S ♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ 7 5
♥ A K T 7 6 4
♦ K J
♣ Q J T

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|----------|-------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | | | 1♥ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

4♥ by South

Baker Major 16
You could bid 1♠. Many would do so, thinking "I have to show partner my ♠ suit."

In fact, you don't have to show partner your ♠ suit. You already know of a partnership 9-card fit in ♥s, so there is no reason to search for a possible 8-card fit in ♠s.

With 11 points and 4 trumps you bid 3♥, a limit raise. Partner raises to game.

Board 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

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

♠ 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

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

4 ♠ by South

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 3

South Deals

E-W 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



♠ 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 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 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



♠ 3
♥ T 5 4 3 2
♦ Q 9 4
♣ A K 7 2

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

3 ♠ by North

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 5

South Deals

N-S 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

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| | 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♥.