

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 7
 ♥ J 7 3 2
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ 9 8 5 2

♠ 6

♥ A K Q 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ A Q J T 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 4 3 2

♥ 9

♦ A J T 7 5 2

♣ 6 4

♠ A Q 9 8 5

♥ T 8 6 5

♦ 8 4

♣ K 7

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

All Pass

4 ♥ by South

Baker Reverse 5

With his Reverse, partner has shown at least 17 points and at least 4 ♥s.

You could fall back on the guidelines and say that with 10 points you need to make a positive bid at this time, but it is simpler to just rely on "SHE WHO KNOWS, GOES."

Since you know of an 8-card ♥ fit and at least 27 points you bid 4 ♥.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 7 5
♥ 8 2
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ J T 8 4

♠ 9 8

♥ Q 9

♦ J T 8 4

♣ A 9 7 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J 6 4

♥ A K J 7 6

♦ K 6

♣ 5

♠ A 3 2

♥ T 5 4 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K Q 6

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by East

Baker Reverse 6
You are the dealer.

It may be tempting to open 1 ♥, planning on Reversing in ♠ at your second turn to show your big hand.

Don't. A Reverse should always show an unbalanced hand with the first suit longer. So you open 1 ♠ and partner replies 2 ♠.

What do you bid?

If you had opened 1 ♥ partner would have replied 1NT. Then when you Reversed with 2 ♠ he would have assumed you had a 4-card ♠ suit and would probably have put you back in ♥s, your known 5-card suit.

Things would have gotten confusing, to say the least.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 8 5 3
 ♥ A T 7 6
 ♦ Q T
 ♣ 3 2

♠ T 7 4

♥ K J 9 8

♦ K 7 3

♣ 9 8 5



♠ 9 6 2

♥ Q 4 3

♦ J 9 8 5

♣ Q J 6

♠ A K

♥ 5 2

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ A K T 7 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

3 ♣

All Pass

2 ♦

3 ♣ by North

Baker Reverse 7

You would really love to pass. You have a terrible hand and you like the ♦ s better than the ♣ s.

But you are forced to bid. And since partner has 5 ♣ s and only 4 ♦ s, you should take him back to his first suit.

Mercifully he passes.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q T 5

♥ Q 8

♦ J 9 4

♣ Q J 9 7

♠ 6

♥ T 9 7 5 4

♦ A 7 6 2

♣ A 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 7

♥ A K 6 3

♦ K Q T 8 5

♣ K T

♠ A 9 8 4 3 2

♥ J 2

♦ 3

♣ 8 6 4 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3NT by West

Baker Reverse 8

When partner shows 17+ points with his Reverse you are sure you belong in game. Since he did not support your ♠s you know he doesn't have four of them. You also know you have an 8-card fit in ♦s, but surely nine tricks in Notrump will be easier than eleven in ♦s.