

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
9 10  
12

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



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

♠ K J T 8 2  
♥ 6 4  
♦ K J T 6  
♣ Q T

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	All Pass	1♥

2♥ by North

**Baker Major 1**

You dealt the hand. Decide what you would say, then click on BID in the bidding section above. [BID 1♥]

With 13 points and a nice 5-card Major suit you open 1♥. Partner responds 2♥. What do you say next? [BID pass]

You say pass. You have a minimum opening hand and partner has 6-10 points so no game is available.

### Deal 3

South Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
7 7  
18

♠ 9 6 3  
♥ Q 7 5 2  
♦ K 4  
♣ K 8 7 4



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

♠ K J 8 7 5 2  
♥ 6  
♦ Q J 9 6  
♣ 6 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
All Pass			

4 ♥ by South

Baker Major 2  
[BID 1 ♥]

Nice hand. 19 points and a good 5-card Major. You open 1 ♥. Partner responds 2 ♥. What is your next bid? [BID 4 ♥]

You revalue to 20 points (doubleton ♠) and partner has between 6 and T. So, 26 to 30 is the total. Game should be there, but slam is out of reach. So you bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

12  
5 9  
14

♠ 9 8 7 2  
♥ K 8 3  
♦ A Q J  
♣ Q 6 4



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

♠ A 4 3  
♥ Q 9 6 4 2  
♦ K T 5  
♣ 8 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Major 3  
[BID 1 ♠]

With 15 points and a 5-card Major you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you say?  
[BID 4 ♠]

Your 15 points gets revalued to 16/17 for the singleton. Add partner's T-12 and you have enough for game. So you bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 5**

East Deals

None Vul

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

12  
8      8  
12

♠ K 7 4 2

♥ Q 8

♦ A 6 5 3

♣ K 9 4



♠ A 8 6 5 3

♥ J 4

♦ J 7 2

♣ A Q 6

♠ J T 9

♥ K T 9 3

♦ K 4

♣ J T 5 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

All Pass

3 ♠ by North

Baker Major 4  
[BID 1 ♠]

With 13 points you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you say now? [BID pass]

Figure partner for 11-12 points. You have 13 but could revalue to 14 with the doubleton ♥. But the truth is that your points are not very good ones. You should pass.

**Deal 6**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q J T  
♥ Q 9  
♦ J T 8 3  
♣ K T 7 6

13  
9      7  
11

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	All Pass	

4 ♥ by North

**Baker Major 5**  
[BID 1 ♥]

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 2 ♣, showing at least 11 points. You dealt this hand. What do you bid? [BID 2 ♥]

Partner's bid forces you to bid again. You have a bare-minimum hand, but at least you have a 6-card suit which you can rebid. You say 2 ♥ and partner raises to 4 ♥.

**Deal 7**

South Deals

None Vul

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

7  
10 11  
12

♠ J 8 7 4

♥ 7 5

♦ K 5 4

♣ Q J 5 2



♠ A K 6 5

♥ J 9 8 6 4

♦ 7 2

♣ A 3

♠ Q T 9 2

♥ K Q T 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ 7 6

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♠

All Pass

2 ♠ by South

Baker Major 6  
[BID 1 ♥]

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 1 ♠. It is your bid again. [BID 2 ♠]

You have good ♠ support but you must tell partner of your minimum hand. So you bid 2 ♠ and he passes.

# Deal 8

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 4 2  
♥ J 9  
♦ A J T 9 3  
♣ 9 4 2

10  
8 7  
15

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 5

♦ K Q 6 4

♣ Q 8 7 6



♠ A T 6 5

♥ A K 8 6 4

♦ 7 2

♣ A 3

♠ J 8

♥ Q T 7 3 2

♦ 8 5

♣ K J T 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

Baker Major 7  
[BID 1 ♥]

Naturally you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 1 ♠.  
What do you say next? [BID 3 ♠]

Partner has at least 4 ♠s and you have 4. So you have found the 8-card Major fit. Now it is a question of finding the right level. Your job is to further describe your hand as either minimum, medium, or maximum. With 17/18 points (revalued) you are a medium, so you jump to 3 ♠.

Partner bids the game.

**Deal 9**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ J T 8 6  
♥ J 3  
♦ 6 5 4  
♣ A 7 4 2

15  
6      7  
12

♠ A 4  
♥ Q 7  
♦ K T 9 7  
♣ K Q J 8 6



♠ K Q 9 7 3  
♥ A T 9 5  
♦ Q J 3  
♣ T

♠ 5 2  
♥ K 8 6 4 2  
♦ A 8 2  
♣ 9 5 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Major 8  
[BID 1 ♠]

Of course you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 2 ♣.  
What is your next bid? [BID 2 ♥]

Partner has shown at least 11 points and you are forced to bid again. Since the ♥s rank below ♠s you can bid them with your minimum hand. Apparently that is just what partner wanted to hear since he jumps to 3NT which you happily pass.



# Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

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

11  
7 9  
13

♠ 6 2  
♥ K 9 7 3  
♦ A 8 4  
♣ A 9 8 3



♠ A 9 7 5 3  
♥ Q J T 5  
♦ K Q J  
♣ 7

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

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

4 ♥ by South

Baker Major 9  
[BID 1 ♠]

You open 1 ♠ and partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next? [BID 4 ♥]

Partner has shown 11+ points and at least 4 ♥s. Your hand revalues to 16 points in support of ♥s, where you know you have an 8-card fit or better. You bid 4 ♥ confidently.

# Deal 11

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 4 2  
♥ T 9 2  
♦ 8 4 2  
♣ A K J 3

9  
8 8  
15

♠ Q 6  
♥ K 8 7 3  
♦ A 9 7  
♣ T 8 5 4



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

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

## Baker Major 10

We all know you will open 1 ♠ with this hand.  
And after partner responds 1NT what is your next bid? [BID 3 ♠]

With 6 of them you can rebid ♠s but you are too strong to say just 2 ♠. Your 17 points puts you in the Medium range where you make a jump. So you bid 3 ♠ and partner bids 4 ♠.

**Deal 12**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9 3  
 ♥ T 6 4 3  
 ♦ Q J  
 ♣ 8 5 2

11  
 6 3  
 20

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



♠ 6  
 ♥ A Q J 9 8  
 ♦ A K 8 5  
 ♣ K Q J

♠ K 8 7 5 4  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ T 9 6 2  
 ♣ T 6 4 3

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

6♥ by South

Baker Major 11  
 [BID 1♥]

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2♣. So you open 1♥ and partner responds 3♥. Now what? [BID 4NT]

You might bid 4♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid? [BID 6♥]

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6♥.

**Deal 13**

North Deals

None Vul

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

19  
8      7  
6

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



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

♠ T 4 3 2  
♥ J 2  
♦ J 9 7  
♣ K Q 9 7

West

Pass

North

1 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

All Pass

South

2 ♥

4 ♥ by North

Baker Major 12  
[BID 2 ♥]

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2 ♥ and he promptly raises to 4 ♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.

**Deal 14**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 9 3  
♥ J 6  
♦ 7 6 2  
♣ A Q 9 5 2

12  
9 13  
6

West

All Pass

4 ♥ by South

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



♠ 8  
♥ Q 9 8 5 3  
♦ K J 8 5  
♣ 8 6 4

North  
1 ♥

East  
Pass

South  
4 ♥

Baker Major 13  
[BID 4 ♥]

When you have a weak, distributional hand with 5 of partner's suit an immediate jump to game is usually the best approach. If he has a good hand you will probably make the contract. If he is minimum then you might get a preemptive effect and stop your LHO from entering the bidding.

This is a good example. Partner may be lucky and make 4 ♥. But if they had had an opportunity to compete the opponents might well be able to make 4 ♠.

**Deal 15**

North Deals

None Vul

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

15  
 8      8  
 9

West

Pass

All Pass

North

1 ♥

3 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♥

♠ 3

♥ A K J 8 7 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 3



♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ T 6 5

♠ Q 8 4

♥ 4 2

♦ K 9 8 6

♣ Q J 9 2

Baker Major 14  
 [BID 1 ♠]

You can't support partner's ♥s with only 2 of them so you bid your nice ♠ suit. Partner then jumps to 3 ♥. Now what do you bid? [BID 4 ♥]

Here's where a lot of players go wrong. Since they only promised 4 ♠s with their first response they think they should now rebid them to show partner they had 5. And this MIGHT work if it turns out partner has 3 ♠s. Not only is this a risky bid, it is unnecessary. When partner jump rebid ♥s he showed 16-18 points and 6 ♥s. So you know of an 8-card fit and you know you should be in game. Bid 4 ♥.

4 ♥ by South

# Deal 16

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4  
♥ K J 4 3  
♦ T 8 6  
♣ 9 7 3 2

16  
4 7  
13

♠ A Q T 9 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4



♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	

6 ♠ by North

## Baker Major 15

[BID 2 ♣]

As soon as partner opens 1 ♠ you know you will settle for nothing less than the ♠ game. The problem with bidding 4 ♠ right now is that partner will take you for the "weak-distributional-with-five-trumps" hand. So you temporize by first bidding 2 ♣. Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say now? [BID 4 ♠]

You now jump to 4 ♠, completing the picture of an opening hand with good ♠ support. Partner bids 4NT. What say you? [BID 5 ♦]

This is Blackwood so you answer 5 ♦ for one Ace. Partner says 6 ♠.

**Deal 17**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 4 3 2  
♥ Q J  
♦ A 4 2  
♣ 7 6 5 2

14  
8      9  
9

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



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

♠ Q 9 6  
♥ 2  
♦ 8 7 5 3  
♣ A K 9 4 3

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker Major 16  
[BID 3 ♥]

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.



**Deal 18**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 5 4  
♥ T 5 3 2  
♦ A 8 7 4  
♣ J 8 2

12  
5 9  
14

West

Pass

All Pass

North

1 ♥

2 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

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



♠ K Q T 8  
♥ Q 6  
♦ Q J 9 6  
♣ A 9 6

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

**Baker Major 17**  
 [BID 1 ♠]

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? [BID 4 ♠]

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.

4 ♠ by South

**Deal 19**

North Deals

None Vul

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

17  
 6 8  
 9

♠ A T 9 7 5

♥ K Q

♦ K T 5

♣ A J 7



♠ K Q 8 6

♥ J 7 6

♦ Q J 7 6

♣ 9 6

♠ J 4 3

♥ A T 9 8 5 3

♦ 8

♣ K T 2

Baker Major 18  
[BID 2♠]

With 4-card support you respond 2♠. Partner raises to 3♠. What do you say next? [BID 4♠]

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♠.

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4♠ by South

**Deal 20**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

15  
9 9  
7

♠ A T 9 7 5  
♥ K Q  
♦ A 3  
♣ Q T 4 3



♠ K Q 8 6  
♥ J 7 6  
♦ J 7 6  
♣ 9 6 5

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

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

3 ♠ by South

Baker Major 19  
[BID 2 ♠]

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2 ♠. Partner now bids 3 ♣. What do you bid next? [BID 3 ♠]

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.

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q J T 8  
♥ 9 8  
♦ A 9 8  
♣ Q 8 7 3

16  
9 8  
7

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
All Pass			

4 ♥ by South

Baker Major 20  
[BID 2 ♥]

Your only reasonable response is 2 ♥. Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say? [BID 4 ♥]

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 ♥.