

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K T 7 3

♥ J 5

♦ Q 8 5 3

♣ J 6 2

♠ A J 8 5 4

♥ K Q T 8 3

♦ 6

♣ 7 5

	N	
W		E
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♠ 9 2

♥ 9 6 2

♦ A T 7 4

♣ A T 9 4

♠ Q 6

♥ A 7 4

♦ K J 9 2

♣ K Q 8 3

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

Baker Transfers 7

South opens 1NT. What do you respond?

This is the sequel to Deal 6. You are 5-5 in the Majors again, but this time you have game forcing strength.

The preferred method for this hand is to transfer partner to ♠s, so you bid 2♥.

What do you bid after partner completes the transfer?

You show your second 5-card Major by bidding 3♥. Since this shows game-forcing strength (11+ points) partner may not pass, but must bid either 4♥ or 4♠. In this Deal he naturally bids 4♥.

If you held an even stronger hand and wished to move toward a slam you would start out the same way but then bid again after partner's game bid.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q T 7 5

♥ 4

♦ 9 8 6

♣ A K Q 5

♠ 9 3 2

♥ 8 7 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ J 8 4 2



♠ J 4

♥ A Q J 5

♦ A Q J 3

♣ T 9 6

♠ K 8 6

♥ K T 9 6 3

♦ T 7 2

♣ 7 3

Baker Transfers 8
East opens 1NT. What do you respond?

Initiate the transfer by bidding 2♥. After partner responds 2♠ what do you bid?

Your bid of a minor suit here shows at least 4 cards and is a slam try. With a weaker hand you would probably just bid 2NT or 3NT.

Having made the try, you accept whatever partner decides. In this case, with a 15 point minimum, a doubleton ♠ and no ♣ fit, partner settles on 3NT.

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

3 NT by East

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 8 3
♥ J 7 5
♦ J 5 4
♣ T 9 8 2

♠ A Q T 7 5

♥ A 4

♦ 9 8 6

♣ K Q 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 4 2
♥ T 8 6 3 2
♦ A Q 2
♣ 6 3

♠ K J
♥ K Q 9
♦ K T 7 3
♣ A J 7 4

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	6NT

All Pass

6NT by South

Baker Transfers⁹

South opens 1NT. What do you respond?

With 16 points you have to be thinking about slam. But first things first, start the transfer process by bidding 2♥.

What is your next bid after partner's 2♠?

With 16 points you want to make an invitation to slam, but you also need to let partner know that you only have 5 ♠s so that he can play notrump when he only has a doubleton ♠.

The BEST way to say both these things is to bid 4NT. This is similar to the 2NT bid in Deal 2.

But you can see the problem with the bid - if partner mistakes it for Blackwood 4NT things could get very confused. So don't use this unless you know both of you are on the same wavelength.

Here both partners understood the bid and South bid

6NT.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 2
♥ A J 3
♦ A K 6 4
♣ K Q J T

♠ J T 8 4 3

♥ T 5

♦ J 5 2

♣ A 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 5
♥ K Q 8 7 4
♦ T 9 3
♣ 8 7 4

♠ A K 9 6
♥ 9 6 2
♦ Q 8 7
♣ 9 6 2

West	North	East	South
2NT	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

Baker Transfers 10

West opens 2NT showing a balanced 20-21 point hand. What do you respond?

Jacoby Transfers work fine with 2NT openings also. You should bid 3♦ as a transfer to ♥s. Partner complies by saying 3♥. What do you say now?

You bid 3NT which tells partner you have just 5 ♥s and lets him decide on which game to play.

On this Deal partner has 3 ♥s so he bids on to 4♥.

Notice that when partner opens 2NT the invitation to game option is no longer available. As responder you must decide immediately whether to stop short of game (by transferring then passing) or to go to game. This is not a serious problem since the tighter (20-21) point range makes responder's decision easier to make.

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 6 4
♥ A 5 3
♦ J 7 2
♣ A 9 6 2

♠ K Q 7 5

♥ J 8

♦ A Q 6

♣ Q J 7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J T 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ T 9 8 3
♣ T 5

♠ 9 2
♥ Q T 9 6 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ K 8 3

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

2 NT by South

Baker Transfers 11

You open 1NT and partner responds 2♦. What do you bid?

This is an easy one. Partner has commanded you to say 2♥. So you say 2♥. Partner now bids 2NT.

What is your bid?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5♥. He asks that you take him back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You don't. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points or a good 16. You don't.

So you pass.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J T 6 3

♥ 9 6

♦ 9 8 2

♣ K J 4

♠ 9 8 2

♥ K J 5 4

♦ A J 6 4

♣ 7 5



♠ Q 4

♥ A Q 8

♦ K Q T 5

♣ A T 9 3

♠ A 7 5

♥ T 7 3 2

♦ 7 3

♣ Q 8 6 2

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass

2NT Pass 3NT All Pass

3 NT by East

Baker Transfers 12

You open 1NT and partner responds 2♥. What do you bid?

Naturally you say 2♠. Partner comes back with 2NT.

What do you bid?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5♠. He asks that you take him back to ♠s if you have 3 of them. You don't. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 3NT.