

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 7 5 4

♥ -

♦ T 9 6 2

♣ T 6 4 3

♠ 6

♥ A Q J 9 8

♦ A K 8 5

♣ K Q J



♠ Q J 9 3

♥ T 6 4 3

♦ Q J

♣ 8 5 2

♠ A T 2

♥ K 7 5 2

♦ 7 4 3

♣ A 9 7

West

North

East

South

Pass 1♥

Pass

3♥

Pass 4NT

Pass

5♥

Pass 6♥

All Pass

6♥ by North

Baker Major 11

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2♣.

So you open 1♥ and partner responds 3♥. Now what?

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?

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

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 8 7
♥ T 8 6
♦ A Q 8 5
♣ 6 3 2

♠ A Q J 6

♥ 9 4 3

♦ T 4 2

♣ J 5 4

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♠ K 5

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ K 6 3

♣ A T 8

♠ T 4 3 2

♥ J 2

♦ J 9 7

♣ K Q 9 7

West

North

East

South

2♥

Pass

1♥

4♥

Pass

All Pass

4♥ by East

Baker Major 12

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.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K J T 6 5

♥ A

♦ T 9 3

♣ J T 7

♠ 8

♥ Q 9 8 5 3

♦ K J 8 5

♣ 8 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 3

♥ J 6

♦ 7 6 2

♣ A Q 9 5 2

♠ 7 4 2

♥ K T 7 4 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ K 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

4♥

All Pass

1♥

4♥ by North

Baker Major 13

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♠.

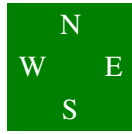
Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 3
 ♥ A K J 8 7 3
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ 7 3

♠ Q 8 4
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ K 9 8 6
 ♣ Q J 9 2



♠ J T 6 5
 ♥ T 9 6
 ♦ T 5
 ♣ A K 8 4

♠ A K 9 7 2
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ 7 4 2
 ♣ T 6 5

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

4 ♥ by East

Baker Major 14

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?

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 ♥.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

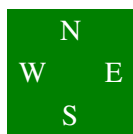
♠ 8 4
 ♥ K J 4 3
 ♦ T 8 6
 ♣ 9 7 3 2

♠ A Q T 9 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4



♠ 6 5

♥ Q T 7 6

♦ A 9 5

♣ J T 8 6

♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5

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

6 ♠ by North

Baker Major 15

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?

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

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