

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

13  
5 9  
13

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 9

♦ K 6 2

♣ A 8 6 3

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 7 6 2

♥ 6 2

♦ A 7 3

♣ K Q T 9 4

Baker Reverse 1

If you thought you couldn't bid 1♠ because it would have been a Reverse just think again.

A Reverse is when you bid a higher-ranking second suit at the 2-level. This is just normal bidding of suits up the line.

Partner now takes control and bids the ♠ game.

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

4♠ by South

**Deal 2**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

8  
13 14  
5

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♠		1 ♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	1NT	Pass

3NT by West

Baker Reverse 2

Don't bid 2♥. That would be a Reverse, showing at least 17 points. A 2♥ bid would also show longer ♣s than ♥s. Don't bid 2♠. That would be showing 4-card support.

So with your minimum hand you bid 1NT which partner raises to 3NT.

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

16  
8 10  
6

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

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

2NT by South

**Baker Reverse 3**

At your first turn you bid your ♥ suit, up-the-line. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You only have 7 points, but partner Reversed so you cannot pass. You need to make a bid to show your minimum, and you cannot support either of partner's suits, nor can you rebid your ♥s.

However, you also cannot bid your ♠ suit. That would be fourth-suit-forcing, and would show a game forcing hand of 9 or more points.

Instead you bid 2NT. Partner has a bare 17 so he passes.

**Deal 4**West Deals  
Both Vul

♠ J  
♥ A Q T  
♦ A Q J 3  
♣ Q J 9 8 6

7  
17 11  
5

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

Baker Reverse 4

With 18 points you have enough to make a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner now says 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner's jump bid shows a 6-card suit and enough points to insist on game. You don't have ♠ support but you do have good ♥ stoppers so you bid 3NT.

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

3NT by West

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 7

♥ J 7 3 2

♦ K Q

♣ 9 8 5 2

16

7 8

9

♠ 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

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♥.

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

4♥ by South

**Deal 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

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

7  
7 17  
9

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ 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.

**Deal 7**

South Deals

Both Vul

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

7  
 9     6  
 18

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

N  
 W     E  
 S

♠ 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
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

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.

**Deal 8**

East Deals

None Vul

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

8  
 11 16  
 5

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

♠ 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

N  
 W E  
 S

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

**Deal 9**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 9 4

♥ T 4 2

♦ 9 8 4

♣ J 9 5

16  
8 10  
6♠ 6 3  
♥ K 5  
♦ K Q J 6  
♣ A K T 7 2N  
W E  
S♠ Q 5 2  
♥ A 8 6 3  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ 8 4 3♠ J T 8 7  
♥ Q J 9 7  
♦ A T 2  
♣ Q 6

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

3♣ by South

Baker Reverse 9

With 17 points you have a perfect hand for a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner then says 3♣. What do you say?

Partner's return to your ♣ suit shows he has fewer than 9 points. Although it is possible to devise a hand for him where your side could make 3NT, the risk is too great.

So you pass. It's a good thing, too.

**Deal 10**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 7 3

♥ J

♦ A K 6 4

♣ A K 9 8 3

♠ A K 9 6 2

♥ A 6

♦ T 9 7 5

♣ 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 8 5

♥ K Q 9 8 7 4

♦ 8 3

♣ 7 6

 11  
 16 5  
 8

 ♠ Q 4  
 ♥ T 5 3 2  
 ♦ Q J 2  
 ♣ Q J T 5

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

Baker Reverse 10

You have 7 points, and basically nothing but s♥. You must make a minimum bid, and the only reasonable one is 2♥. Despite his 17 points, partner passes.

2♥ by East

**Deal 11**

South Deals

None Vul

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

7  
9 7  
17

♠ A K 8 6

♥ 7 2

♦ T 9 8

♣ 7 6 5 4

N  
W E  
S

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
All Pass			5 ♦

5 ♦ by South

Baker Reverse 11

You have an ideal hand for a Reverse, so you bid 2 ♥.

Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand, but at least he came up with a preference for ♦ s.

There are no guarantees here, but you should probably try 5 ♦.

**Deal 12**East Deals  
N-S Vul

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

6  
8 17  
9

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

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

4 ♠ by East

**Baker Reverse 12**

With 18 points you have enough to make a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner now says 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner's jump bid shows a 6-card suit and enough points to insist on game. With your ♥ stopper you might be considering 3NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4♠.

Be very glad that you did. 3NT would go down with a ♥ opening lead while 4♠ is cold.

**Deal 13**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 2

♥ A T 9

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ 9 4 3

16  
4 8  
12

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

5♦ by North

Baker Reverse 13

With partner showing 17 or more points, your 13 brings you to game level. You want to support partner's ♦s but you must jump to show that you have more than 8 points. So you bid 4♦ and partner raises it to game.

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

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

10  
 7 14  
 9

♠ Q 7 5

♥ 9 4 3

♦ A J

♣ K 9 7 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ K Q 8 4 2

♣ A T 8

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
		1NT	All Pass

1 NT by East

Baker Reverse 14

You only have 15 points, not enough to Reverse, so you cannot bid the ♥ suit.

Instead you content yourself with 1NT. Partner passes.