

Board 1

North Deals

None 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 2

East Deals

N-S 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.

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 4
♥ A 4 3
♦ T 9 6 4 2
♣ 6 3

♠ 9 3

♥ Q J T 6 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ K Q 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J T 8 7 5
♥ K 9
♦ J 8
♣ J 7 5 2

♠ A 6 2
♥ 8 7 5
♦ A K Q
♣ A T 9 8

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

4♥ by South

Baker Transfers 13

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

Partner's command is your wish - you say 2♥.

He now bids 2NT. What do you say?

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 do. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 4♥.

With your 3-3-3-4 distribution you might have been tempted to bid 3NT instead of 4♥. It's a good thing you didn't, they would have killed you in ♠s.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 6
♥ A 7 5
♦ A Q 7 2
♣ K J 8 3

♠ T

♥ K Q T 9 6 3

♦ T 6 4

♣ Q 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 9 7 5 3
♥ 8 4 2
♦ 5 3
♣ 7 6

♠ Q 8 4 2
♥ J
♦ K J 9 8
♣ A T 9 5

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

3 ♠ by East

Baker Transfers 14

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

The initial response to a transfer is really easy. You bid 2♠.

But what do you bid after partner then says 3♠?

Partner has 6 ♠s and you have 2. So a ♠ contract is fine.

Partner has 9 points and you have 15. So a game contract is too high.

You pass. And you're going to have to play great to make even 9 tricks!

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 5 4 2
♥ Q J
♦ T 6 4
♣ J 7 3 2

♠ A 6

♥ 9 6 5

♦ K Q J 2

♣ A K 9 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K J T 9
♥ 4 3
♦ A 8 7 5
♣ Q T 4

♠ 8 7 3
♥ A K T 8 7 2
♦ 9 3
♣ 6 5

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

4♥ by North

Baker Transfers 15

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

You follow orders and say 2♥.

Partner follows up with 3♥. What do you bid next?

Partner has 9 points and 6 ♥s. You have 17 points and 3 ♥s. That adds up to 26 points and 9 ♥s. You have enough points for game and enough trumps to play ♥s so you bid 4♥.