

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J T 8 2

♥ 6 4

♦ K J T 6

♣ Q T

12
10 9
 9

♠ A 4
♥ A K J 9 8
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 8 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 6 3
♥ T 5
♦ A Q 9
♣ J 9 7 3 2

♠ 9 7 5
♥ Q 7 3 2
♦ 5 4 3
♣ A K 4

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2♥

All Pass

2♥ by South

Baker Major 1

You dealt the hand. Decide what you would say, then on BID in the bidding section above.

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

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

Deal 2
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

N
W E
S

♠ K J 8 7 5 2
♥ 6
♦ Q J 9 6
♣ 6 3

♠ A 4
♥ A K T 9 8
♦ A 7 2
♣ Q J 5

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

4♥ by South

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

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 3

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 4 3
 ♥ Q 9 6 4 2
 ♦ K T 5
 ♣ 8 3

14
 9 5
 12

♠ K Q J T 6

♥ A

♦ 9 8 7 2

♣ K J 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 5
 ♥ J T 7 5
 ♦ 6 4 3
 ♣ A T 9 7 2

♠ 9 8 7 2
 ♥ K 8 3
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ Q 6 4

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Major 3

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

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 4

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

N
W E
S

♠ J T 9
♥ K T 9 3
♦ K 4
♣ J T 5 2

♠ A 8 6 5 3
♥ J 4
♦ J 7 2
♣ A Q 6

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

3 ♠ by North

Baker Major 4

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

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 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 8 6 4
♥ 5 2
♦ A 9 6 4
♣ 9 8 2

11
7 9
13

♠ 9 5 2
♥ K J T 8 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ A

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J T
♥ Q 9
♦ J T 8 3
♣ K T 7 6

♠ A 7 3
♥ A 7 3
♦ Q 5
♣ Q J 5 4 3

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

4♥ by South

Baker Major 5

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

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 6

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q T 9 2
 ♥ K Q T 3
 ♦ A 8 6
 ♣ 7 6

12
 11 10
 7

♠ A K 6 5

♥ J 9 8 6 4

♦ 7 2

♣ A 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3

♥ A 2

♦ Q J T 9 3

♣ K T 9 8 4

♠ J 8 7 4
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ K 5 4
 ♣ Q J 5 2

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

2 ♠ by North

Baker Major 6

You open 1♥ and partner responds 1♠. It is your bid again.

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

Deal 7

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

N
W E
S

♠ J 8
♥ Q T 7 3 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K J T 5

♠ A T 6 5
♥ A K 8 6 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A 3

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Major 7

Naturally you open 1 ♥ . Partner responds 1 ♠ . What do you say next?

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 8

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ K 8 6 4 2
♦ A 8 2
♣ 9 5 3

12
7 6
15

♠ K Q 9 7 3

♥ A T 9 5

♦ Q J 3

♣ T

N
W E
S

♠ J T 8 6
♥ J 3
♦ 6 5 4
♣ A 7 4 2

♠ A 4
♥ Q 7
♦ K T 9 7
♣ K Q J 8 6

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

3NT by South

Baker Major 8

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

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 9
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

N
W E
S

♠ K J 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ 9 3
♣ K Q 6 5 4

♠ A 9 7 5 3
♥ Q J T 5
♦ K Q J
♣ 7

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

4♥ by South

Baker Major 9
You open 1♠ and partner responds 2♥. What do you bid next?

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 10

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

N
W E
S

♠ J 9
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 6 5 3
♣ Q 9 6 2

♠ A K T 7 5 3
♥ Q J 5
♦ K Q T
♣ 7

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?

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 11

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 7 5 4
♥ -
♦ T 9 6 2
♣ T 6 4 3

20
3 **6**
11

♠ 6
♥ A Q J 9 8
♦ A K 8 5
♣ K Q J

N	
W	E
S	

♠ 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

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♥.

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

6♥ by North

Deal 12

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 4 3 2

♥ J 2

♦ J 9 7

♣ K Q 9 7

 6
 7 8
19

♠ 9 8 7

♥ T 8 6

♦ A Q 8 5

♣ 6 3 2

 N
 W E
 S

♠ A Q J 6

♥ 9 4 3

♦ T 4 2

♣ J 5 4

 ♠ K 5
 ♥ A K Q 7 5
 ♦ K 6 3
 ♣ A T 8

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

4♥ by South

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.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 3
♥ J 6
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A Q 9 5 2

12
9 13
6

♠ 7 4 2
♥ K T 7 4 2
♦ A Q 4
♣ K 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

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♠.

Deal 14

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 4
♥ 4 2
♦ K 9 8 6
♣ Q J 9 2

9
8 8
15

♠ A K 9 7 2
♥ Q 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ T 6 5

	N		♠ J T 6 5
W		E	♥ T 9 6
	S		♦ T 5
			♣ A K 8 4

♠ 3
♥ A K J 8 7 3
♦ A Q J 3
♣ 7 3

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

4 ♥ by North

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 ♥.

Deal 15

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

N
W E
S

♠ 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	4 NT	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 4 NT. What say you?

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

Deal 16South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 6
♥ 2
♦ 8 7 5 3
♣ A K 9 4 3

9
9 8
14

♠ A K T 8

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ Q T 9 6

♣ 8

N	
W	E
S	

♠ J 4 3 2

♥ Q J

♦ A 4 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ 7 5
♥ A K T 7 6 4
♦ K J
♣ Q J T

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

4♥ by South

Baker Major 16
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 17

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7 3

♥ 9 8

♦ K 3 2

♣ K Q T 5 4

14
9 **5**

12

♠ K Q T 8

♥ Q 6

♦ Q J 9 6

♣ A 9 6

N
W E
S

♠ 5 4

♥ T 5 3 2

♦ A 8 7 4

♣ J 8 2

♠ A 9 6 2
♥ A K J 7 4
♦ T 5
♣ 7 3

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Major 17

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?

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.

Deal 18

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 4 3
 ♥ A T 9 8 5 3
 ♦ 8
 ♣ K T 2

9
 8 6
 17

♠ K Q 8 6
 ♥ J 7 6
 ♦ Q J 7 6
 ♣ 9 6

	N		♠ 2
W		♥ 4 2	
	E	♦ A 9 4 3 2	
	S	♣ Q 8 5 4 3	

♠ A T 9 7 5
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ K T 5
 ♣ A J 7

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Major 18

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

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♠.

Deal 19

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 3
♥ T 5 4 3 2
♦ Q 9 4
♣ A K 7 2

15
9
7

♠ A T 9 7 5

♥ K Q

♦ A 3

♣ Q T 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 4 2

♥ A 9 8

♦ K T 8 5 2

♣ J 8

♠ K Q 8 6
♥ J 7 6
♦ J 7 6
♣ 9 6 5

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

3 ♠ by South

Baker Major 19

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

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.

Deal 20

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 6 5

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 6 5 4

♣ A K J 2

7
8 9
16
 ♠ 9 3
 ♥ Q T 6
 ♦ K Q T 3
 ♣ 9 6 5 4

 N
 W E
 S

 ♠ A K 4 2
 ♥ A K J 5 3
 ♦ J 7 2
 ♣ T

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

4♥ by North

Baker Major 20

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

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♥.