

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4 2
♥ A Q T 9 8 5
♦ 5 3
♣ A T 5

11
10 5
14

♠ K T 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ K J 9 8



♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3

♦ K Q J 7

♣ Q 2

♠ J 5
♥ K J 2
♦ T 9 8 2
♣ 7 6 4 3

West

2♥

All Pass

North

3♥

East

Pass

South

1♠

4♠

4♠ by South

Baker Cue-bid 1

You have a limit raise in ♠s; if West had not overcalled you would have bid 3♠.

Instead, you cue-bid 3♥, promising at least 11 points and support for ♠s. Partner bids the game.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J
♥ K 5 2
♦ J 6 2
♣ K Q J T 9 3

11
11 3
15

♠ K Q 6 3

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ Q 8

♣ 8 4 2



♠ A T 9 8 4

♥ 9 6 4

♦ A K 7

♣ A 5

♠ 7 5 2
♥ Q J T
♦ T 9 5 4 3
♣ 7 6

Baker Cue-bid 2

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s.

With your 17 revalued points you know that your side has at least enough for game, so bid 4♠.

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

4 ♠ by South

Deal 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q T 9 6 3
♥ 8 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A K 7

10
9 9
12

♠ 8 5
♥ Q 9 7 3
♦ K Q 4
♣ Q J 9 2



♠ 7 4 2
♥ A K 6 5 4
♦ A J 3
♣ 4 3

♠ A K J
♥ J T
♦ T 9 8 6
♣ T 8 6 5

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

3 ♥ by South

Baker Cue-bid 3

You have a limit raise in ♥s; if West had not overcalled you would have bid 3 ♥.

Instead, you cue-bid 2 ♠, promising at least 11 points and support for ♥s. Partner bids 3 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner indicates a minimum hand and you don't have enough extra to bid more.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J T 8 2
♥ T 6
♦ Q T 8 3
♣ J

7
9 9
15

♠ A 3
♥ Q 8 7 4
♦ J 6 2
♣ 8 7 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ 9 6 4
♥ A K J 5 3
♦ 9 7 4
♣ A K

♠ 7 5
♥ 9 2
♦ A K 5
♣ Q T 9 6 5 3

West

1 ♠

North

3 ♥

East

All Pass

South

1 ♥

3 ♥ by North

Baker Cue-bid 4

You have a pretty good hand and if partner has a limit raise or better you should bid 4 ♥.

But partner doesn't have a limit raise - if he did he would have cue-bid. So you pass.

Deal 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 4
♥ A K T 9 8 5
♦ T 2
♣ A Q J 7

7
14 7
12

♠ K T 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ T 8 6 3



♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3

♦ K Q J 7

♣ 9 2

♠ J 5 2
♥ Q J 2
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ K 5 4

West

2♥

North

3♠

East

All Pass

South

1♠

3♠ by North

Baker Cue-bid 5

You would have bid 2♠ if West had not overcalled.

Instead, with 4 trumps you can jump to 3♠ as a preemptive measure. Partner will not mistake this for a limit raise since you would have cue-bid with 11+ points and support.

The jump to 3 is based on the Law of Total Tricks - bidding to a trick level equal to the number of your side's trumps.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K T 9 5 2
♥ 8 3 2
♦ K
♣ J 7 4

11
11 6
12

♠ 8 4 3
♥ K T 6 4
♦ A Q 5
♣ Q 9 3



♠ J 6
♥ Q J 9 7 5
♦ J 7 4
♣ A K 5

♠ Q 7
♥ A
♦ T 9 8 6 3 2
♣ T 8 6 2

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

3 ♥ by South

Baker Cue-bid 6

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♥s, 11 points or more.

You, however, have a bare-bones minimum. So you rebid a minimum 3♥, which partner passes.

Deal 7

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 2
♥ J 9 4 2
♦ 9 8 7
♣ A T 7 5 4

12
5 13
10

♠ Q J 8 6
♥ 7
♦ A K Q 4
♣ 8 6 3 2



♠ A K T 9 4
♥ 8 5 3
♦ 6 5 3
♣ K 9

♠ 7 5 3
♥ A K Q T 6
♦ J T 2
♣ Q J

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

4♠ by North

Baker Cue-bid 7

You have 14 points in support of ♠s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2♥, showing a good hand with support and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 3♠. What do you say?

4♠. Partner's jump shows a good overcall, but not enough strength to insist on game when you might have only 11 points. You have plenty extra so you bid the game.

Deal 8

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 5
♥ A K Q T 5 3
♦ J T 5
♣ 6 4

11
10 0
19

♠ J T 9 8
♥ J 9 4
♦ A 8 6 2
♣ A J



♠ A K Q 6 4 2
♥ 8
♦ K Q 4
♣ K Q 5

♠ 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 9 7 3
♣ T 9 8 7 3 2

Baker Cue-bid 8

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s, 11 points or more.

There is only one thing you want to know now - how many Aces partner holds. So you bid 4NT to find out. Partner responds 5♥. What do you say?

You know you have a loser. Bid 6♠.

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
2 ♥	3 ♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠
All Pass			

6 ♠ by South

Deal 9

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 5 3 2
♥ 6
♦ K Q T 2
♣ 8 6 2

11
8 12
9

♠ 8 6
♥ A 9 8 4
♦ 9 6 5 4
♣ A Q J



♠ Q J 7 4
♥ K Q J T 2
♦ 8 7 3
♣ T

♠ A T
♥ 7 5 3
♦ A J
♣ K 9 7 5 4 3

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

2 ♥ by South

Baker Cue-bid 9

You have 12 points in support of ♥s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♣. Since the opponents have bid two suits you can cue-bid either one of them, so you usually pick the one you have the most strength in. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner had a minimum overcall so he made a minimum rebid.

Deal 10

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 8 5 2

♥ 2

♦ 8

♣ A K Q J 8 6 5

11

11 3

15

♠ K Q T 6

♥ Q J 9 7 6

♦ Q J 7 5

♣ -



♠ A 7 3

♥ A K 8 5 3

♦ A 6

♣ 9 7 4

♠ 9 4

♥ T 4

♦ K T 9 4 3 2

♣ T 3 2

Baker Cue-bid 10

You have about 15 points in support of ♥s so you cue-bid 3♣, showing a limit raise or better and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 4♥. What do you say?

5♣. Partner's jump shows a good hand and you have more than you have promised so far. This cue-bid is a different type, showing first round control in ♣s, Ace or void. That was apparently what partner wanted to hear since he went right to slam.

West	North	East	South
			1♥
2♣	3♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

6♥ by South