

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

	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♠.

**Board 2**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ T 6 5

♠ J T 6 5

♥ T 9 6

♦ T 5

♣ A K 8 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

4♥ by West

**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 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

6 ♠ by South

**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♠.

**Board 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 5

♥ A K T 7 6 4

♦ K J

♣ Q J T

♠ Q 9 6

♥ 2

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ A K 9 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K T 8

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ Q T 9 6

♣ 8

♠ J 4 3 2

♥ Q J

♦ A 4 2

♣ 7 6 5 2

West

1♥

4♥

North

Pass

All Pass

East

3♥

South

Pass

4♥ by West

**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.