

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

**14**  
**5**    **10**  
**11**

♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3

♦ K Q J 7

♣ Q 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ K T 9 3  
♥ 6 4  
♦ A 6 4  
♣ K J 9 8

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Cue-bid 1

You have a limit raise in ♠s; if East 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ A T 9 8 4  
 ♥ 9 6 4  
 ♦ A K 7  
 ♣ A 5

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

4 ♠ by South

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♠.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J

♥ J T

♦ T 9 8 6

♣ T 8 6 5

12  
9      9  
10

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

N  
W    E  
S

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

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

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

3♥ by North

Baker Cue-bid 3

You have a limit raise in ♥s; if East 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	

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

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

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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 2

♥ Q J 2

♦ 9 8 5 3

♣ K 5 4

12

7 14

7

♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3

♦ K Q J 7

♣ 9 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ 4

♥ A K T 9 8 5

♦ T 2

♣ A Q J 7

♠ K T 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ T 8 6 3

West

North

East

South

1♠

2♥

3♠

All Pass

3♠ by South

Baker Cue-bid 5

You would have bid 2♠ if East 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****♠ 8 4 3****♥ K T 6 4****♦ A Q 5****♣ Q 9 3****♠ Q 7****♥ A****♦ T 9 8 6 3 2****♣ T 8 6 2****11  
11 6  
12**

**♠ J 6**  
**♥ Q J 9 7 5**  
**♦ J 7 4**  
**♣ A K 5**

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

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**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5 3	
♥ A K Q T 6	
♦ J T 2	
♣ Q J	
	10
	13    5
	12

♠ A K T 9 4

♥ 8 5 3

♦ 6 5 3

♣ K 9

	N	
	W	E
	S	
♠ 2		
♥ J 9 4 2		
♦ 9 8 7		
♣ A T 7 5 4		

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

4 ♠ by South

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ 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
2♥	3♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	4NT
All Pass			6♠

6♠ by South

**Deal 9**

West Deals

None Vul

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

9  
12    8  
11

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

N  
W    E  
S

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

♠ 8 6  
♥ A 9 8 4  
♦ 9 6 5 4  
♣ A Q J

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

2♥ by North

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

♠ K Q T 6

♥ Q J 9 7 6

♦ Q J 7 5

♣ -

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 4

♥ T 4

♦ K T 9 4 3 2

♣ T 3 2

11

11 3

15

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

West      North      East      South

2♣

Pass

All Pass

1♥

4♥

6♥

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.

6♥ by South