

**Board 1**

South Deals  
None Vul  
 ♠ 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  
 N              ♠ Q 9 3  
 W              ♥ J 6  
 E              ♦ 7 6 2  
 S              ♣ A Q 9 5 2  
 ♠ 7 4 2  
 ♥ K T 7 4 2  
 ♦ A Q 4  
 ♣ K 3

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

**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**South Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ Q 8 4  
 ♥ 4 2  
 ♦ K 9 8 6  
 ♣ Q J 9 2

♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ T 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 3  
 ♥ A K J 8 7 3  
 ♦ A Q J 3  
 ♣ 7 3

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

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♥.

**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**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 9 6

♥ 2

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ A K 9 4 3

♠ 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
			1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

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.