

**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
	<b>1♥</b>	Pass	<b>2♥</b>

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**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

7  
8 18  
7

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

West	North	East	South
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

4♥ by East

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**

South Deals

None Vul

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

12  
5 9  
14

♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ K 8 3

♦ A Q J

♣ Q 6 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 4 3  
♥ Q 9 6 4 2  
♦ K T 5  
♣ 8 3

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

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

4♠ by South

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**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 8 6 5 3

♥ J 4

♦ J 7 2

♣ A Q 6

8  
12    12  
      8
 ♠ Q  
 ♥ A 7 6 5 2  
 ♦ Q T 9 8  
 ♣ 8 7 3

 N  
 W    E  
 S

 ♠ K 7 4 2  
 ♥ Q 8  
 ♦ A 6 5 3  
 ♣ K 9 4

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

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

3♠ by East

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**

West Deals

E-W Vul

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

**10**  
**12**    7  
**11**

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

N  
 W    E  
 S

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

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

2 ♠ by West

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**

North Deals

Both Vul

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

15  
7 8  
10

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q 4 2  
♥ J 9  
♦ A J T 9 3  
♣ 9 4 2

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

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

4 ♠ by South

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**

East Deals

None Vul

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

7  
15 12  
6

♠ 5 2  
♥ K 8 6 4 2  
♦ A 8 2  
♣ 9 5 3

N  
W E  
S

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

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

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

3NT by West

**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**

East Deals  
Both Vul

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

8  
9 15  
8

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ A K T 7 5 3  
♥ Q J 5  
♦ K Q T  
♣ 7

♠ 8 4 2  
♥ T 9 2  
♦ 8 4 2  
♣ A K J 3

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

4 ♠ by West

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**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

11  
6 3  
20

♠ A T 2  
♥ K 7 5 2  
♦ 7 4 3  
♣ A 9 7

N  
W E  
S

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

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

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

6♥ by South

**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♥.

**Deal 12**

West Deals

N-S Vul

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

7  
 19    6  
 8

♠ T 4 3 2

♥ J 2

♦ J 9 7

♣ K Q 9 7

N
W
E
S

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

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

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

4♥ by West

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**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 7 2  
 ♥ Q 5  
 ♦ 7 4 2  
 ♣ T 6 5

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

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

N	♠ 3
W	♥ A K J 8 7 3
E	♦ A Q J 3
S	♣ 7 3

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♥.

**Deal 15**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 6 5  
♥ Q T 7 6  
♦ A 9 5  
♣ J T 8 6

**13**  
7      4  
**16**

♠ 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♠.

**Deal 16**

West Deals

E-W Vul

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

9  
14    9  
8

♠ Q 9 6

♥ 2

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ A K 9 4 3

N  
W    E  
S

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

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

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

**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**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 8 6  
 ♥ J 7 6  
 ♦ Q J 7 6  
 ♣ 9 6

6  
 9 17  
 8

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

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ A T 9 7 5  
 ♥ K Q  
 ♦ K T 5  
 ♣ A J 7

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

**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♠.

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

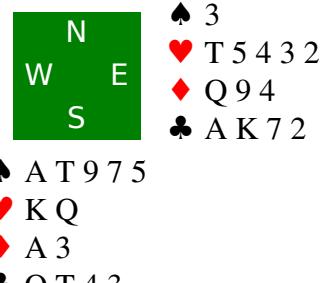
4♠ by West

**Deal 19**South Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ J 4 2  
 ♥ A 9 8  
 ♦ K T 8 5 2  
 ♣ J 8

7  
 9    9  
 15

♠ 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 North

**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**

West Deals

Both Vul

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

8  
 16 7  
 9

♠ 7 6 5

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 6 5 4

♣ A K J 2

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ Q J T 8  
 ♥ 9 8

♦ A 9 8

♣ Q 8 7 3

♠ 9 3

♥ Q T 6

♦ K Q T 3

♣ 9 6 5 4

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♥.

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

4♥ by East