

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 5 2
♥ Q J 2
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ K 5 4

♠ A Q 8 7 6
♥ 7 3
♦ K Q J 7
♣ 9 2

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

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.

Board 2

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 7
 ♥ A
 ♦ T 9 8 6 3 2
 ♣ T 8 6 2

♠ J 6
 ♥ Q J 9 7 5
 ♦ J 7 4
 ♣ A K 5

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♠	Pass	1♥
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.

Board 3

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 2
♥ J 9 4 2
♦ 9 8 7
♣ A T 7 5 4

♠ Q J 8 6

♥ 7

♦ A K Q 4

♣ 8 6 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 5 3
♥ A K Q T 6
♦ J T 2
♣ Q J

♠ A K T 9 4
♥ 8 5 3
♦ 6 5 3
♣ K 9

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.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5
♥ A K Q T 5 3
♦ J T 5
♣ 6 4

♠ J T 9 8

♥ J 9 4

♦ A 8 6 2

♣ A J

	N	♠ 3
W	W	♥ 7 6 2
	E	♦ 9 7 3
	S	♣ T 9 8 7 3 2

♠ A K Q 6 4 2
♥ 8
♦ K Q 4
♣ K Q 5

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

6 ♠ by South

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♠.