

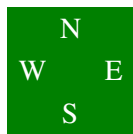
Board 1

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



♠ 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

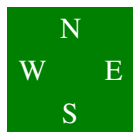
When you have a weak, distributional hand with 5 of partner's suit an immediate jump to game is usually the best approach. If he has a good hand you will probably make the contract. If he is minimum then you might get a preemptive effect and stop your LHO from entering the bidding.

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



♠ Q 8 4
♥ 4 2
♦ K 9 8 6
♣ Q J 9 2

♠ 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 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

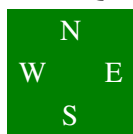
♠ 6 5
 ♥ Q T 7 6
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ J T 8 6

♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5



♠ 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 ♠.

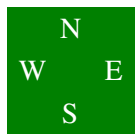
Board 4

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



♠ 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	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.