

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 4 3

♥ JT 965

◆ 85

♣ T 3

♠ 8 6 5

743

◆ 963

♣ K Q 8 6 4

♠ K Q 9

♥ A K 8

◆ AJT

♣ A J 9 7

West	North	East	South
		1 ♣	Dbl
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3 NT by North

Baker Takeout 13

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You double and partner responds 1♦. What do you bid next?

The pattern continues. Overcall 1NT with 15-18. Double, then bid notrump with 19-20. Double then jump in notrump with 21-22. So you jump to 2NT. Partner puts it to 3NT.

Board 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4
♥ K T 9
♦ K J T 7 3
♣ A 9 2

♠ A K T 3

♥ A J 8 2

♦ A Q 6

♣ 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 7 2
♥ 7 6 5
♦ 9 4
♣ K Q J T 5

♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ Q 4 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 7 6 4

West	North	East	South
1♦ Pass	Dbl 2♠	Pass All Pass	1♠

2 ♠ by North

Baker Takeout 14

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have no choice. You absolutely may not pass. So you say 1♠. Partner now bids 2♠. What do you say?

Partner obviously has a good hand. Your response showed 0-8 points and he still found enough strength to invite you to bid game. However, with your 4-point square hand you must decline the invitation.

Board 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4 2

♥ A K Q T 4

♦ A 9 7 3

♣ 2

♠ A K J 3

♥ 5 2

♦ K Q T 6

♣ K Q 5



♠ Q 9 6 5

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 8 4

♣ A J 9 6

♠ T 7

♥ J 9 6

♦ J 5 2

♣ T 8 7 4 3

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Takeout 15

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With 7 points you must make a minimum response. Even though ♣s is your best suit you should prefer to show a 4-card Major. So you bid 1♠. Partner raises to 2♠ and it is your turn to bid.

Your first response showed 0-8 points. Knowing that, partner still invited you to go on if you were at the high end of the range. With 7 HCP and a doubleton you are right at the maximum for your bid, so you bid 4♠.

Board 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T 6 3 2

♥ Q

♦ A 5 4

♣ Q J 6

♠ 9

♥ A 9 3 2

♦ K T 6 3

♣ A K 7 5

N
W
E
S

♠ K 8 7

♥ J 8 7 5

♦ 7 2

♣ T 9 4 2

♠ A 5 4

♥ K T 6 4

♦ Q J 9 8

♣ 8 3

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

4♥ by North

Baker Takeout 16

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Your hand falls in the 9-11 point mid-range response where you make a jump bid. With two decent suits you naturally choose the Major and bid 3♥. Partner raises you to game.

Board 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 4
♥ K Q J T
♦ 7
♣ K Q J T 9 5

♠ K Q 9 5

♥ A 8 7 4

♦ A J 3

♣ 6 4

N
W
E
S

♠ J 8 2
♥ 6 3 2
♦ 8 6 5 4 2
♣ 3 2

♠ A T 7 3
♥ 9 5
♦ K Q T 9
♣ A 8 7

West	North	East	South
1♣	Dbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

Baker Takeout 17

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Partner has an opening hand and you have an opening hand. Your first priority is to inform partner that your side must reach game. You do this with a 2♣ cuebid. Partner comes back with 2♥. What do you say?

With both of you knowing you will reach game, partner has suggested ♥s. You don't care much for that suggestion, but would now consider 3NT. However, you should first mention your 4-card ♠ suit. Having found the fit, partner bids game.

Board 6

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 9 2
♥ 6
♦ J 9 5 2
♣ K T 2

♠ T 3

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ A K 7 3

♣ Q 9 5

N
W
E
S

♠ 8 7 6
♥ A 4
♦ T 8 6
♣ J 8 7 4 3

♠ K 5 4
♥ Q J T 8 7 3
♦ Q 4
♣ A 6

West	North	East	South
1♠	Dbl	Pass	4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

Baker Takeout 18

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You COULD make a game-forcing cuebid here, but a much better description of your hand is a leap to 4♥, the spot where you know you want to play. If partner has any extra strength he will know to bid again. In this case he has a bare minimum and passes.

Notice that if you had made a cuebid, partner would probably end up playing 4♥ and the opening ♠ lead would be right through your ♠ K.