

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 3 2
♥ T 5 4 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K Q 6

♠ T 7 5

♥ 8 2

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ J T 8 4



♠ 9 8

♥ Q 9

♦ J T 8 4

♣ A 9 7 3 2

♠ K Q J 6 4

♥ A K J 7 6

♦ K 6

♣ 5

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Reverse 6
You are the dealer.

It may be tempting to open 1 ♥, planning on Reversing in ♠ at your second turn to show your big hand.

Don't. A Reverse should always show an unbalanced hand with the first suit longer. So you open 1 ♠ and partner replies 2 ♠.

What do you bid?

If you had opened 1 ♥ partner would have replied 1NT. Then when you Reversed with 2 ♠ he would have assumed you had a 4-card ♠ suit and would probably have put you back in ♥s, your known 5-card suit.

Things would have gotten confusing, to say the least.

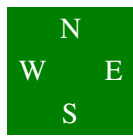
Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 8 5 3
 ♥ A T 7 6
 ♦ Q T
 ♣ 3 2

♠ T 7 4
 ♥ K J 9 8
 ♦ K 7 3
 ♣ 9 8 5



♠ 9 6 2
 ♥ Q 4 3
 ♦ J 9 8 5
 ♣ Q J 6

♠ A K
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ A 6 4 2
 ♣ A K T 7 4

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

3 ♣ by North

Baker Reverse 7

You would really love to pass. You have a terrible hand and you like the ♦ s better than the ♣ s.

But you are forced to bid. And since partner has 5 ♣ s and only 4 ♦ s, you should take him back to his first suit.

Mercifully he passes.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ T 9 7 5 4
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ A 5 3

♠ J 7

♥ A K 6 3

♦ K Q T 8 5

♣ K T



♠ A 9 8 4 3 2

♥ J 2

♦ 3

♣ 8 6 4 2

♠ K Q T 5

♥ Q 8

♦ J 9 4

♣ Q J 9 7

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3 NT by South

Baker Reverse 8

When partner shows 17+ points with his Reverse you are sure you belong in game. Since he did not support your ♠s you know he doesn't have four of them. You also know you have an 8-card fit in ♦s, but surely nine tricks in Notrump will be easier than eleven in ♦s.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 8 7

♥ Q J 9 7

♦ A T 2

♣ Q 6

♠ Q 5 2

♥ A 8 6 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 8 4 3



♠ A K 9 4

♥ T 4 2

♦ 9 8 4

♣ J 9 5

♠ 6 3

♥ K 5

♦ K Q J 6

♣ A K T 7 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

3 ♣

All Pass

2 ♦

3 ♣ by North

Baker Reverse 9

With 17 points you have a perfect hand for a Reverse.

So you bid 2 ♦. Partner then says 3 ♣. What do you say?

Partner's return to your ♣ suit shows he has fewer than 9 points. Although it is possible to devise a hand for him where your side could make 3NT, the risk is too great.

So you pass. It's a good thing, too.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 4
♥ T 5 3 2
♦ Q J 2
♣ Q J T 5

♠ J 7 3

♥ J

♦ A K 6 4

♣ A K 9 8 3



♠ A K 9 6 2

♥ A 6

♦ T 9 7 5

♣ 4 2

♠ T 8 5

♥ K Q 9 8 7 4

♦ 8 3

♣ 7 6

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

All Pass

Baker Reverse 10

You have 7 points, and basically nothing but s♥. You must make a minimum bid, and the only reasonable one is 2♥. Despite his 17 points, partner passes.

2 ♥ by South