

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 8 7

♥ J 6

♦ 8 7 4 3

♣ Q T 3

♠ Q T 9

♥ K 5 3

♦ K 6 2

♣ A K 8 4


 ♠ J 6 4 2
 ♥ 9 8
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ J 9 7 2

 ♠ 5 3
 ♥ A Q T 7 4 2
 ♦ Q J T
 ♣ 6 5

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

4♥ by South

Baker Transfers 5
 North opens 1NT. What do you respond?

You should bid 2♦ to transfer partner to ♥s. He bids 2♥. What do you say now?

You know you have at least an 8-card ♥ fit. You know you have at least 26 points (15 + 11). She who knows, goes, so you bid 4♥.

Board 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 3 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ J 9 5 4
♣ Q T 7 4

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 8

♦ A T 6 2

♣ A K 9 8

N
W
E
S

♠ K T 9 8 7
♥ A 9 7 6 4
♦ 8 3
♣ 5

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

Baker Transfers 6

North opens 1NT. What do you respond?

You transfer of course, but to which Major? It can work either way, but the preferred method is to first transfer partner to ♥s when you have an invitational hand. So you bid 2♦, and partner of course says 2♥. What do you bid next?

You now show your second 5-card Major by bidding 2♠.

At this point partner becomes the Captain. You have described an invitational (9 point) hand with 5-5 in the Majors. Partner's next bid should set the contract wherever he chooses. In this case, with a maximum 1NT opener and 3 ♠s he picks 4♠.

Note that you must have at least one Major suit fit since partner cannot have a doubleton in both.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K T 7 3

♥ J 5

♦ Q 8 5 3

♣ J 6 2

♠ A J 8 5 4

♥ K Q T 8 3

♦ 6

♣ 7 5

	N	
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	S	

♠ 9 2

♥ 9 6 2

♦ A T 7 4

♣ A T 9 4

♠ Q 6

♥ A 7 4

♦ K J 9 2

♣ K Q 8 3

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

All Pass

4♥ by South

Baker Transfers 7

South opens 1NT. What do you respond?

This is the sequel to Deal 6. You are 5-5 in the Majors again, but this time you have game forcing strength.

The preferred method for this hand is to transfer partner to ♠s, so you bid 2♥.

What do you bid after partner completes the transfer?

You show your second 5-card Major by bidding 3♥. Since this shows game-forcing strength (11+ points) partner may not pass, but must bid either 4♥ or 4♠. In this Deal he naturally bids 4♥.

If you held an even stronger hand and wished to move toward a slam you would start out the same way but then bid again after partner's game bid.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 8 6

♥ K T 9 6 3

♦ T 7 2

♣ 7 3

♠ A Q T 7 5

♥ 4

♦ 9 8 6

♣ A K Q 5


 ♠ 9 3 2
 ♥ 8 7 2
 ♦ K 5 4
 ♣ J 8 4 2

 ♠ J 4
 ♥ A Q J 5
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ T 9 6

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

All Pass

3 NT by South

Baker Transfers 8

South opens 1NT. What do you respond?

Initiate the transfer by bidding 2♥. After partner responds 2♠ what do you bid?

Your bid of a minor suit here shows at least 4 cards and is a slam try. With a weaker hand you would probably just bid 2NT or 3NT.

Having made the try, you accept whatever partner decides. In this case, with a 15 point minimum, a doubleton ♠ and no ♣ fit, partner settles on 3NT.