

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4
♥ J T 8 4 3
♦ Q J 8 4
♣ J 5

13
5 9
13

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 9

♦ K 6 2

♣ A 8 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K T 3
♥ A Q 7 5
♦ T 9 5
♣ 7 2

♠ 7 6 2

♥ 6 2

♦ A 7 3

♣ K Q T 9 4

Baker Reverse 1

If you thought you couldn't bid 1♠ because it would have been a Reverse just think again.

A Reverse is when you bid a higher-ranking second suit at the 2-level. This is just normal bidding of suits up the line.

Partner now takes control and bids the ♠ game.

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

4 ♠ by South

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 5
 ♥ T 7 2
 ♦ T 8 3 2
 ♣ 8 2

13
 5 8
 14

♠ K Q 8 3
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ K J 6
 ♣ J T 9 7

N
 W E
 S

♠ 6 4
 ♥ 8 6 5 3
 ♦ A 9 7
 ♣ A 6 4 3

♠ T 7 2
 ♥ A K 9 4
 ♦ Q 5 4
 ♣ K Q 5

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

3 NT by North

Baker Reverse 2

Don't bid 2♥. That would be a Reverse, showing at least 17 points. A 2♥ bid would also show longer ♣s than ♥s. Don't bid 2♠. That would be showing 4-card support.

So with your minimum hand you bid 1NT which partner raises to 3NT.

Deal 3South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A Q 8 7 6 5
 ♥ A 4 3
 ♦ 7 6
 ♣ T 3

6
 10 8
 16

♠ K T 9 4
 ♥ K T 9 6
 ♦ T 8 2
 ♣ 9 5

N
 W E
 S

♠ 2
 ♥ J 7 5 2
 ♦ A 9 4 3
 ♣ Q J 8 4

♠ J 3
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ K Q J 5
 ♣ A K 7 6 2

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

2NT by North

Baker Reverse 3

At your first turn you bid your ♥ suit, up-the-line. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You only have 7 points, but partner Reversed so you cannot pass. You need to make a bid to show your minimum, and you cannot support either of partner's suits, nor can you rebid your ♥s.

However, you also cannot bid your ♠ suit. That would be fourth-suit-forcing, and would show a game forcing hand of 9 or more points.

Instead you bid 2NT. Partner has a bare 17 so he passes.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ A T 3 2
 ♥ 5 4 3
 ♦ K 9 8 4
 ♣ 7 2

11
 7 5
 17

♠ K Q 9 8 6 5

♥ K 8 2
 ♦ T 5
 ♣ K T

	N		♠ 7 4
W		♥ J 9 7 6	
	E		♦ 7 6 2
	S		♣ A 5 4 3

♠ J
 ♥ A Q T
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ Q J 9 8 6

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

All Pass

3 NT by South

Baker Reverse 4

With 18 points you have enough to make a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner now says 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner's jump bid shows a 6-card suit and enough points to insist on game. You don't have ♠ support but you do have good ♥ stoppers so you bid 3NT.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 7

♥ J 7 3 2

♦ K Q

♣ 9 8 5 2

16
7 8

9

♠ 6
♥ A K Q 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ A Q J T 3

N
W E
S

♠ K 4 3 2
♥ 9
♦ A J T 7 5 2
♣ 6 4

♠ A Q 9 8 5
♥ T 8 6 5
♦ 8 4
♣ K 7

Baker Reverse 5

With his Reverse, partner has shown at least 17 points and at least 4 ♥s.

You could fall back on the guidelines and say that with 10 points you need to make a positive bid at this time, but it is simpler to just rely on "SHE WHO KNOWS, GOES."

Since you know of an 8-card ♥ fit and at least 27 points you bid 4♥.

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

4♥ by South

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 3 2

♥ T 5 4 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K Q 6

7

9 7

17

♠ T 7 5

♥ 8 2

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ J T 8 4



♠ K Q J 6 4

♥ A K J 7 6

♦ K 6

♣ 5

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

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.

Deal 7North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 2
 ♥ Q 4 3
 ♦ J 9 8 5
 ♣ Q J 6

18
 6 9
 7

♠ A K
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ A 6 4 2
 ♣ A K T 7 4

N		
W		E
S		

♠ T 7 4
 ♥ K J 9 8
 ♦ K 7 3
 ♣ 9 8 5

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

3♣ by South

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.

Deal 8

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
 ♥ T 9 7 5 4
 ♦ A 7 6 2
 ♣ A 5 3

16
 8 5
 11

♠ J 7
 ♥ A K 6 3
 ♦ K Q T 8 5
 ♣ K T

N
 W E
 S

♠ 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
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
All Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT

3NT 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.

Deal 9

North Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A K 9 4
♥ T 4 2
♦ 9 8 4
♣ J 9 5

16
8 10
6

♠ 6 3
♥ K 5
♦ K Q J 6
♣ A K T 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q 5 2
♥ A 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 3
♣ 8 4 3

♠ J T 8 7
♥ Q J 9 7
♦ A T 2
♣ Q 6

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.

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

3♣ by South

Deal 10

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 4
 ♥ T 5 3 2
 ♦ Q J 2
 ♣ Q J T 5

16
 8 11
 5

♠ J 7 3

♥ J

♦ A K 6 4

♣ A K 9 8 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ T 8 5

♥ K Q 9 8 7 4

♦ 8 3

♣ 7 6

♠ A K 9 6 2
 ♥ A 6
 ♦ T 9 7 5
 ♣ 4 2

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.

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

2♥ by South

Deal 11

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 3
♥ K 6 5 4 3
♦ 2
♣ Q J 9 8

17
7 9
7

♠ 7
♥ A Q J 9
♦ K Q J 7 6 4
♣ A 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 5 4 2
♥ T 8
♦ A 5 3
♣ K T 2

♠ A K 8 6
♥ 7 2
♦ T 9 8
♣ 7 6 5 4

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

5♦ by North

Baker Reverse 11

You have an ideal hand for a Reverse, so you bid 2♥.

Partner now bids 3♦. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand, but at least he came up with a preference for ♦s.

There are no guarantees here, but you should probably try 5♦.

Deal 12

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 6 2
♥ J 6 5 4
♦ T 8 7
♣ A J 7 2

17
6 9
8

♠ J 5
♥ A T
♦ A Q J 3
♣ K Q 9 8 6

	N		♠ A T 8
W		E	♥ K Q 9 3
	S		♦ 9 6 4 2
			♣ 5 4

♠ K Q 9 7 4 3
♥ 8 7 2
♦ K 5
♣ T 3

Baker Reverse 12

With 18 points you have enough to make a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner now says 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner's jump bid shows a 6-card suit and enough points to insist on game. With your ♥ stopper you might be considering 3NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4♠.

Be very glad that you did. 3NT would go down with a ♥ opening lead while 4♠ is cold.

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4♠ by North

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 2
♥ A T 9
♦ 8 7 5 3
♣ 9 4 3

16
4 8
12

<p>♠ J ♥ K 8 4 ♦ A Q T 9 ♣ K Q J T 7</p>	<p>♠ K Q 7 5 ♥ Q J 5 3 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 8 6 2</p>
<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ A 8 6 4 3 ♥ 7 6 ♦ K J 6 4 ♣ A 5</p>

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♦
	5♦	All Pass	

5♦ by North

Baker Reverse 13

With partner showing 17 or more points, your 13 brings you to game level. You want to support partner's ♦s but you must jump to show that you have more than 8 points. So you bid 4♦ and partner raises it to game.

Deal 14

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 4 2

♥ A J T

♦ 7 6 3

♣ 5 4

7
9 10
14

♠ A T 8 3

♥ 8 5 2

♦ T 9 5

♣ Q J 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 7 5

♥ 9 4 3

♦ A J

♣ K 9 7 6 2

 ♠ 9
 ♥ K Q 7 6
 ♦ K Q 8 4 2
 ♣ A T 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1♦ 1NT
All Pass			

1 NT by South

Baker Reverse 14

You only have 15 points, not enough to Reverse, so you cannot bid the ♥ suit.

Instead you content yourself with 1NT. Partner passes.