

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 8 7 5

♥ K 9

♦ J 8

♣ J 7 5 2

♠ A 6 2

♥ 8 7 5

♦ A K Q

♣ A T 9 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 4

♥ A 4 3

♦ T 9 6 4 2

♣ 6 3

♠ 9 3

♥ Q J T 6 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ K Q 4

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

4♥ by North

Baker Transfers 13

You open 1NT and partner responds 2♦. What do you bid?

Partner's command is your wish - you say 2♥.

He now bids 2NT. What do you say?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5♥. He asks that you take him back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You do. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 4♥.

With your 3-3-3-4 distribution you might have been tempted to bid 3NT instead of 4♥. It's a good thing you didn't, they would have killed you in ♠s.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 9 7 5 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ 5 3

♣ 7 6

♠ Q 8 4 2

♥ J

♦ K J 9 8

♣ A T 9 5

		N	
	W		E
		S	

♠ J 6

♥ A 7 5

♦ A Q 7 2

♣ K J 8 3

♠ T

♥ K Q T 9 6 3

♦ T 6 4

♣ Q 4 2

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

3 ♠ by West

Baker Transfers 14

You open 1NT and partner responds 2♥. What do you bid?

The initial response to a transfer is really easy. You bid 2♠.

But what do you bid after partner then says 3♠?

Partner has 6 ♠s and you have 2. So a ♠ contract is fine.

Partner has 9 points and you have 15. So a game contract is too high.

You pass. And you're going to have to play great to make even 9 tricks!

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J T 9

♥ 4 3

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ Q T 4

♠ 8 7 3

♥ A K T 8 7 2

♦ 9 3

♣ 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 5 4 2

♥ Q J

♦ T 6 4

♣ J 7 3 2

♠ A 6

♥ 9 6 5

♦ K Q J 2

♣ A K 9 8

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

All Pass

4♥ by South

Baker Transfers 15

You open 1NT and partner responds 2♦. What do you bid?

You follow orders and say 2♥.

Partner follows up with 3♥. What do you bid next?

Partner has 9 points and 6 ♥s. You have 17 points and 3 ♥s. That adds up to 26 points and 9 ♥s. You have enough points for game and enough trumps to play ♥s so you bid 4♥.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 6
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K Q J 2
♣ A K 9 8

♠ K 5 2
♥ A 8 7 4 3
♦ 8 7
♣ J 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 8 7 3
♥ K Q T
♦ A 4
♣ T 7 3

♠ Q J 4
♥ J 2
♦ T 9 6 5 3
♣ Q 5 4

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

3 NT by West

Baker Transfers 16

You open 1NT and partner responds 2♥. What do you bid?

You say 2♠ and partner rebids 2NT. What do you bid?

Partner has 9 points and a 5-card ♠ suit. He is inviting you to choose a game if you have maximum.

Since you have 17 points you accept the invitation, but with only 2 ♠s you choose 3NT.