

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

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 5

♥ K 8

♦ A T 6 2

♣ A K 9 8

♠ A 6 4

♥ T 3 2

♦ K Q 7

♣ J 6 3 2



♠ K T 9 8 7

♥ A 9 7 6 4

♦ 8 3

♣ 5

♠ 3 2

♥ Q J 5

♦ J 9 5 4

♣ Q T 7 4

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

4 ♠ by West

Baker Transfers 6
West 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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

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♠ A J 8 5 4
♥ K Q T 8 3
♦ 6
♣ 7 5

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

4♥ by North

Baker Transfers 7
North 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

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 4
♥ A Q J 5
♦ A Q J 3
♣ T 9 6

♠ K 8 6
♥ K T 9 6 3
♦ T 7 2
♣ 7 3

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♠ 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

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

3 NT by West

Baker Transfers 8
West 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.