

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 7

♥ J 7 3 2

♦ K Q

♣ 9 8 5 2

♠ 6

♥ A K Q 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ A Q J T 3

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| | 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

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

4♥ by South

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♥.

Board 2

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

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♠ 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 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 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

| 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.

Board 4

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

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| | 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

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

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.