

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K J T 8 2
♥ 6 4
♦ K J T 6
♣ Q T

12
10 9
9

♠ A 4
♥ A K J 9 8
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 8 6 5



♠ 9 7 5
♥ Q 7 3 2
♦ 5 4 3
♣ A K 4

♠ Q 6 3
♥ T 5
♦ A Q 9
♣ J 9 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
All Pass			

2 ♥ by South

Baker Major 1

You dealt the hand. Decide what you would say, then on BID in the bidding section above.

With 13 points and a nice 5-card Major suit you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you say next?

You say pass. You have a minimum opening hand and partner has 6-10 points so no game is available.

Deal 2

East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 9 6 3
♥ Q 7 5 2
♦ K 4
♣ K 8 7 4

7
8 18
7

♠ K J 8 7 5 2
♥ 6
♦ Q J 9 6
♣ 6 3



♠ Q T
♥ J 4 3
♦ T 8 5 3
♣ A T 9 2

♠ A 4
♥ A K T 9 8
♦ A 7 2
♣ Q J 5

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

4♥ by East

Baker Major 2

Nice hand. 19 points and a good 5-card Major.
You open 1♥. Partner responds 2♥. What is your next bid?

You revalue to 20 points (doubleton ♠) and partner has between 6 and T. So, 26 to 30 is the total. Game should be there, but slam is out of reach. So you bid 4♥.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ J T 7 5
♦ 6 4 3
♣ A T 9 7 2

12
5 9
14

♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ K 8 3

♦ A Q J

♣ Q 6 4



♠ K Q J T 6

♥ A

♦ 9 8 7 2

♣ K J 5

♠ A 4 3

♥ Q 9 6 4 2

♦ K T 5

♣ 8 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

4 ♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by South

Baker Major 3

With 15 points and a 5-card Major you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you say?

Your 15 points gets revalued to 16/17 for the singleton. Add partner's T-12 and you have enough for game. So you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 8 6 5 3
♥ J 4
♦ J 7 2
♣ A Q 6

8
12 12
8

♠ Q
♥ A 7 6 5 2
♦ Q T 9 8
♣ 8 7 3



♠ J T 9
♥ K T 9 3
♦ K 4
♣ J T 5 2

♠ K 7 4 2
♥ Q 8
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ K 9 4

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass
All Pass

3 ♠ by East

Baker Major 4

With 13 points you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you say now?

Figure partner for 11-12 points. You have 13 but could revalue to 14 with the doubleton ♥. But the truth is that your points are not very good ones. You should pass.

Deal 5

North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 8 6 4
♥ 5 2
♦ A 9 6 4
♣ 9 8 2

11
7 9
13

♠ 9 5 2
♥ K J T 8 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ A



♠ A 7 3
♥ A 7 3
♦ Q 5
♣ Q J 5 4 3

♠ Q J T
♥ Q 9
♦ J T 8 3
♣ K T 7 6

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

4 ♥ by South

Baker Major 5

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 2 ♣, showing at least 11 points. You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

Partner's bid forces you to bid again. You have a bare-minimum hand, but at least you have a 6-card suit which you can rebid. You say 2 ♥ and partner raises to 4 ♥.

Deal 6

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 6 5
♥ J 9 8 6 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A 3

10
12 7
11

♠ 3
♥ A 2
♦ Q J T 9 3
♣ K T 9 8 4



♠ Q T 9 2
♥ K Q T 3
♦ A 8 6
♣ 7 6

♠ J 8 7 4
♥ 7 5
♦ K 5 4
♣ Q J 5 2

West

1 ♥

2 ♠

North

Pass

All Pass

East

1 ♠

South

Pass

2 ♠ by West

Baker Major 6

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 1 ♠. It is your bid again.

You have good ♠ support but you must tell partner of your minimum hand. So you bid 2 ♠ and he passes.

Deal 7

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 8
♥ Q T 7 3 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K J T 5

15
7 8
10

♠ A T 6 5
♥ A K 8 6 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A 3



♠ K 9 7 3
♥ 5
♦ K Q 6 4
♣ Q 8 7 6

♠ Q 4 2
♥ J 9
♦ A J T 9 3
♣ 9 4 2

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Major 7

Naturally you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 1 ♠.
What do you say next?

Partner has at least 4 ♠s and you have 4. So you have found the 8-card Major fit. Now it is a question of finding the right level. Your job is to further describe your hand as either minimum, medium, or maximum. With 17/18 points (revalued) you are a medium, so you jump to 3 ♠.

Partner bids the game.

Deal 8

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 4
♥ Q 7
♦ K T 9 7
♣ K Q J 8 6

7
15 12
6

♠ 5 2
♥ K 8 6 4 2
♦ A 8 2
♣ 9 5 3



♠ J T 8 6
♥ J 3
♦ 6 5 4
♣ A 7 4 2

♠ K Q 9 7 3
♥ A T 9 5
♦ Q J 3
♣ T

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

3NT by West

Baker Major 8

Of course you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 2 ♣.
What is your next bid?

Partner has shown at least 11 points and you are forced to bid again. Since the ♥s rank below ♠s you can bid them with your minimum hand. Apparently that is just what partner wanted to hear since he jumps to 3NT which you happily pass.

Deal 9

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q T 8
♥ A 8
♦ T 7 6 5 2
♣ J T 2

11
7 9
13

♠ 6 2
♥ K 9 7 3
♦ A 8 4
♣ A 9 8 3



♠ A 9 7 5 3
♥ Q J T 5
♦ K Q J
♣ 7

♠ K J 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ 9 3
♣ K Q 6 5 4

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

4 ♥ by South

Baker Major 9

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

Partner has shown 11+ points and at least 4 ♥s. Your hand revalues to 16 points in support of ♥s, where you know you have an 8-card fit or better. You bid 4 ♥ confidently.

Deal 10

East Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q 6
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ A 9 7
♣ T 8 5 4

8
9 15
8

♠ J 9
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 6 5 3
♣ Q 9 6 2



♠ 8 4 2
♥ T 9 2
♦ 8 4 2
♣ A K J 3

♠ A K T 7 5 3
♥ Q J 5
♦ K Q T
♣ 7

Baker Major 10

We all know you will open 1♠ with this hand.
And after partner responds 1NT what is your next bid?

With 6 of them you can rebid ♠s but you are too strong to say just 2♠. Your 17 points puts you in the Medium range where you make a jump. So you bid 3♠ and partner bids 4♠.

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

4♠ by West

Deal 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 9 3
♥ T 6 4 3
♦ Q J
♣ 8 5 2

11
6 3
20

♠ A T 2
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A 9 7



♠ 6
♥ A Q J 9 8
♦ A K 8 5
♣ K Q J

♠ K 8 7 5 4
♥ -
♦ T 9 6 2
♣ T 6 4 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
All Pass			

6 ♥ by South

Baker Major 11

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2♣. So you open 1♥ and partner responds 3♥. Now what?

You might bid 4♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid?

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6♥.

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 5
♥ A K Q 7 5
♦ K 6 3
♣ A T 8

7
19 6
8

♠ T 4 3 2

♥ J 2

♦ J 9 7

♣ K Q 9 7



♠ A Q J 6

♥ 9 4 3

♦ T 4 2

♣ J 5 4

♠ 9 8 7

♥ T 8 6

♦ A Q 8 5

♣ 6 3 2

West

1 ♥

4 ♥

North

Pass

All Pass

East

2 ♥

South

Pass

4 ♥ by West

Baker Major 12

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2♥ and he promptly raises to 4♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.

Deal 13

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 3
♥ J 6
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A Q 9 5 2

12
9 13
6

♠ 7 4 2
♥ K T 7 4 2
♦ A Q 4
♣ K 3



♠ 8
♥ Q 9 8 5 3
♦ K J 8 5
♣ 8 6 4

♠ A K J T 6 5
♥ A
♦ T 9 3
♣ J T 7

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
All Pass			

4 ♥ by South

Baker Major 13

When you have a weak, distributional hand with 5 of partner's suit an immediate jump to game is usually the best approach. If he has a good hand you will probably make the contract. If he is minimum then you might get a preemptive effect and stop your LHO from entering the bidding.

This is a good example. Partner may be lucky and make 4 ♥. But if they had had an opportunity to compete the opponents might well be able to make 4 ♠.

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 7 2
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ 7 4 2
 ♣ T 6 5

8
 9 15
 8

♠ J T 6 5
 ♥ T 9 6
 ♦ T 5
 ♣ A K 8 4



♠ Q 8 4
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ K 9 8 6
 ♣ Q J 9 2

♠ 3
 ♥ A K J 8 7 3
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ 7 3

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

4 ♥ by West

Baker Major 14

You can't support partner's ♥s with only 2 of them so you bid your nice ♠ suit. Partner then jumps to 3 ♥. Now what do you bid?

Here's where a lot of players go wrong. Since they only promised 4 ♠s with their first response they think they should now rebid them to show partner they had 5. And this MIGHT work if it turns out partner has 3 ♠s. Not only is this a risky bid, it is unnecessary. When partner jump rebid ♥s he showed 16-18 points and 6 ♥s. So you know of an 8-card fit and you know you should be in game. Bid 4 ♥.

Deal 15

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 6 5
♥ Q T 7 6
♦ A 9 5
♣ J T 8 6

13
7 4
16

♠ K J 7 2
♥ 8 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K Q 5



♠ A Q T 9 3
♥ A 9 2
♦ K Q J 3
♣ 4

♠ 8 4
♥ K J 4 3
♦ T 8 6
♣ 9 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠
Pass			

6 ♠ by South

Baker Major 15

As soon as partner opens 1 ♠ you know you will settle for nothing less than the ♠ game. The problem with bidding 4 ♠ right now is that partner will take you for the "weak-distributional-with-five-trumps" hand. So you temporize by first bidding 2 ♣. Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say now?

You now jump to 4 ♠, completing the picture of an opening hand with good ♠ support. Partner bids 4NT. What say you?

This is Blackwood so you answer 5 ♦ for one Ace. Partner says 6 ♠.

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 5
♥ A K T 7 6 4
♦ K J
♣ Q J T

9
14 9
8

♠ Q 9 6
♥ 2
♦ 8 7 5 3
♣ A K 9 4 3



♠ J 4 3 2
♥ Q J
♦ A 4 2
♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ A K T 8
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ Q T 9 6
♣ 8

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	All Pass		

4 ♥ by West

Baker Major 16

You could bid 1 ♠. Many would do so, thinking "I have to show partner my ♠ suit."

In fact, you don't have to show partner your ♠ suit. You already know of a partnership 9-card fit in ♥s, so there is no reason to search for a possible 8-card fit in ♠s.

With 11 points and 4 trumps you bid 3 ♥, a limit raise. Partner raises to game.

Deal 17

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7 3
♥ 9 8
♦ K 3 2
♣ K Q T 5 4

14
9 5
12

♠ K Q T 8
♥ Q 6
♦ Q J 9 6
♣ A 9 6



♠ A 9 6 2
♥ A K J 7 4
♦ T 5
♣ 7 3

♠ 5 4
♥ T 5 3 2
♦ A 8 7 4
♣ J 8 2

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Major 17

You MIGHT jump to 2NT to "show your points". However, a notrump bid now would deny a 4-card ♠ suit. Instead, your priority is to show that Major, so you respond 1♠. Partner bids 2♠. What do you say next?

Partner would not support a response which might be 4 cards unless he had 4 himself. Knowing that you have two opening hands facing each other, each containing 4 ♠s, you bid the ♠ game.

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 8 6
♥ J 7 6
♦ Q J 7 6
♣ 9 6

6
9 17
8

♠ 2
♥ 4 2
♦ A 9 4 3 2
♣ Q 8 5 4 3



♠ J 4 3
♥ A T 9 8 5 3
♦ 8
♣ K T 2

♠ A T 9 7 5
♥ K Q
♦ K T 5
♣ A J 7

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

4 ♠ by West

Baker Major 18

With 4-card support you respond 2 ♠. Partner raises to 3 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner's bid is an invitation. You have told him you have 6-10 points and he probably has about 17-18. If you are at the high end of your 6-T he wants you to bid game, at the low end he wants you to pass. You actually have T, definitely high end, so you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 4 2
 ♥ A 9 8
 ♦ K T 8 5 2
 ♣ J 8

7
 9 9
 15

♠ K Q 8 6

♥ J 7 6

♦ J 7 6

♣ 9 6 5



♠ A T 9 7 5

♥ K Q

♦ A 3

♣ Q T 4 3

♠ 3
 ♥ T 5 4 3 2
 ♦ Q 9 4
 ♣ A K 7 2

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

3 ♠ by North

Baker Major 19

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2 ♠. Partner now bids 3 ♣. What do you bid next?

Again partner is inviting you to bid game. He wants you to bid it if you are at the top of your 6-T range, and he wants you to particularly promote any Help you can give him in ♣s.

You are at the bottom of your range and you have no help in ♣s, so you just return to ♠s. Partner passes.

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 4 2
♥ A K J 5 3
♦ J 7 2
♣ T

8
16 7
9

♠ 7 6 5
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 6 5 4
♣ A K J 2



♠ Q J T 8
♥ 9 8
♦ A 9 8
♣ Q 8 7 3

♠ 9 3
♥ Q T 6
♦ K Q T 3
♣ 9 6 5 4

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

4 ♥ by East

Baker Major 20

Your only reasonable response is 2 ♥. Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

With 8 points you are right in the middle of the 6-10 points you promised. So you could either accept partner's invitation or decline it. BUT, he said you should particularly look at any Help you could provide in ♦s. Since you have lots of good stuff in that suit you upgrade your 8 points and bid 4 ♥.