

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4
♥ J T 8 4 3
♦ Q J 8 4
♣ J 5

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 9

♦ K 6 2

♣ A 8 6 3

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

♠ 7 6 2
♥ 6 2
♦ A 7 3
♣ K Q T 9 4

♠ A K T 3
♥ A Q 7 5
♦ T 9 5
♣ 7 2

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

4 ♠ by South

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.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 8 3

♥ Q J

♦ K J 6

♣ J T 9 7

♠ 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

♠ A J 9 5

♥ T 7 2

♦ T 8 3 2

♣ 8 2

West North East South

1♠ 1♣

Pass Pass

3NT Pass

3NT by West

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.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ A Q 8 7 6 5
♥ A 4 3
♦ 7 6
♣ T 3

♠ K T 9 4
♥ K T 9 6
♦ T 8 2
♣ 9 5

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

2 NT by South

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.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ J
♥ A Q T
♦ A Q J 3
♣ Q J 9 8 6

♠ A T 3 2

♥ 5 4 3

♦ K 9 8 4

♣ 7 2

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

♠ K Q 9 8 6 5
♥ K 8 2
♦ T 5
♣ K T

♠ 7 4
♥ J 9 7 6
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A 5 4 3

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

3 NT by West

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.

Board 5

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 |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| | 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 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 7 5

♥ 8 2

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ J T 8 4

♠ 9 8
♥ Q 9
♦ J T 8 4
♣ A 9 7 3 2

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

♠ K Q J 6 4
♥ A K J 7 6
♦ K 6
♣ 5

♠ A 3 2
♥ T 5 4 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K Q 6

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| 2♠ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| | | 4♠ | All Pass |

4 ♠ by East

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.