

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 4 3
♥ J T 9 6 5
♦ 8 5
♣ T 3

♠ 8 6 5

♥ 7 4 3

♦ K Q 7 4 2

♣ 5 2



♠ A T 2

♥ Q 2

♦ 9 6 3

♣ K Q 8 6 4

♠ K Q 9

♥ A K 8

♦ A J T

♣ A J 9 7

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

2NT

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3 NT by North

Baker Takeout 13

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You double and partner responds 1 ♦. What do you bid next?

The pattern continues. Overcall 1NT with 15-18. Double, then bid notrump with 19-20. Double then jump in notrump with 21-22. So you jump to 2NT. Partner puts it to 3NT.

Board 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4
♥ K T 9
♦ K J T 7 3
♣ A 9 2

♠ A K T 3

♥ A J 8 2

♦ A Q 6

♣ 8 3

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♠ J 7 2

♥ 7 6 5

♦ 9 4

♣ K Q J T 5

♠ Q 9 6 5

♥ Q 4 3

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 7 6 4

West

1 ♦

Pass

North

Dbl

2 ♠

East

Pass

All Pass

South

1 ♠

2 ♠ by North

Baker Takeout 14

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have no choice. You absolutely may not pass. So you say 1 ♠. Partner now bids 2 ♠. What do you say?

Partner obviously has a good hand. Your response showed 0-8 points and he still found enough strength to invite you to bid game. However, with your 4-point square hand you must decline the invitation.

Board 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4 2

♥ A K Q T 4

♦ A 9 7 3

♣ 2

♠ A K J 3

♥ 5 2

♦ K Q T 6

♣ K Q 5



♠ T 7

♥ J 9 6

♦ J 5 2

♣ T 8 7 4 3

♠ Q 9 6 5

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 8 4

♣ A J 9 6

West

1 ♥

Pass

All Pass

North

Dbl

2 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

Baker Takeout 15

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With 7 points you must make a minimum response.

Even though ♣s is your best suit you should prefer to show a 4-card Major. So you bid 1 ♠. Partner raises to 2 ♠ and it is your turn to bid.

Your first response showed 0-8 points. Knowing that, partner still invited you to go on if you were at the high end of the range. With 7 HCP and a doubleton you are right at the maximum for your bid, so you bid 4 ♠.

Board 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T 6 3 2

♥ Q

♦ A 5 4

♣ Q J 6

♠ 9

♥ A 9 3 2

♦ K T 6 3

♣ A K 7 5

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♠ K 8 7

♥ J 8 7 5

♦ 7 2

♣ T 9 4 2

♠ A 5 4

♥ K T 6 4

♦ Q J 9 8

♣ 8 3

West

1 ♠

Pass

North

Dbl

4 ♥

East

Pass

All Pass

South

3 ♥

4 ♥ by North

Baker Takeout 16

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Your hand falls in the 9-11 point mid-range response where you make a jump bid. With two decent suits you naturally choose the Major and bid 3 ♥. Partner raises you to game.