

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 4  
♥ J T 8 4 3  
♦ Q J 8 4  
♣ J 5

13  
5 9  
13

♠ Q J 8 5  
♥ K 9  
♦ K 6 2  
♣ A 8 6 3



♠ A K T 3  
♥ A Q 7 5  
♦ T 9 5  
♣ 7 2

♠ 7 6 2  
♥ 6 2  
♦ A 7 3  
♣ K Q T 9 4

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.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A J 9 5  
♥ T 7 2  
♦ T 8 3 2  
♣ 8 2

13  
5      8  
14

♠ K Q 8 3  
♥ Q J  
♦ K J 6  
♣ J T 9 7



♠ T 7 2  
♥ A K 9 4  
♦ Q 5 4  
♣ K Q 5

♠ 6 4  
♥ 8 6 5 3  
♦ A 9 7  
♣ A 6 4 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	

3NT by North

**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.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q 8 7 6 5  
♥ A 4 3  
♦ 7 6  
♣ T 3

6  
10 8  
16

♠ K T 9 4

♥ K T 9 6

♦ T 8 2

♣ 9 5



♠ J 3

♥ Q 8

♦ K Q J 5

♣ A K 7 6 2

♠ 2

♥ J 7 5 2

♦ A 9 4 3

♣ Q J 8 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2NT

All Pass

2NT by North

**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.

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A T 3 2  
♥ 5 4 3  
♦ K 9 8 4  
♣ 7 2

11  
7 5  
17

♠ K Q 9 8 6 5  
♥ K 8 2  
♦ T 5  
♣ K T



♠ J  
♥ A Q T  
♦ A Q J 3  
♣ Q J 9 8 6

♠ 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			

3NT by South

**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.

**Deal 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J T 7  
♥ J 7 3 2  
♦ K Q  
♣ 9 8 5 2

16  
7 8  
9

♠ 6  
♥ A K Q 4  
♦ 9 6 3  
♣ A Q J T 3



♠ A Q 9 8 5  
♥ T 8 6 5  
♦ 8 4  
♣ K 7

♠ K 4 3 2  
♥ 9  
♦ A J T 7 5 2  
♣ 6 4

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 ♥.

# Deal 6

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 3 2  
♥ T 5 4 3  
♦ 9 7 2  
♣ K Q 6

7  
9 7  
17

♠ T 7 5  
♥ 8 2  
♦ A Q 5 3  
♣ J T 8 4



♠ K Q J 6 4  
♥ A K J 7 6  
♦ K 6  
♣ 5

♠ 9 8  
♥ Q 9  
♦ J T 8 4  
♣ A 9 7 3 2

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

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.

**Deal 7**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 6 2  
♥ Q 4 3  
♦ J 9 8 5  
♣ Q J 6

18  
6 9  
7

♠ A K  
♥ 5 2  
♦ A 6 4 2  
♣ A K T 7 4



♠ T 7 4  
♥ K J 9 8  
♦ K 7 3  
♣ 9 8 5

♠ Q J 8 5 3  
♥ A T 7 6  
♦ Q T  
♣ 3 2

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.

**Deal 8**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 6  
♥ T 9 7 5 4  
♦ A 7 6 2  
♣ A 5 3

16  
8 5  
11

♠ J 7  
♥ A K 6 3  
♦ K Q T 8 5  
♣ K T



♠ K Q T 5  
♥ Q 8  
♦ J 9 4  
♣ Q J 9 7

♠ A 9 8 4 3 2  
♥ J 2  
♦ 3  
♣ 8 6 4 2

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.



**Deal 9**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 9 4  
♥ T 4 2  
♦ 9 8 4  
♣ J 9 5

16  
8     10  
6

♠ 6 3  
♥ K 5  
♦ K Q J 6  
♣ A K T 7 2



♠ Q 5 2  
♥ A 8 6 3  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ 8 4 3

♠ J T 8 7  
♥ Q J 9 7  
♦ A T 2  
♣ Q 6

West

Pass

All Pass

North

1 ♣

2 ♦

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

3 ♣

3 ♣ by South

**Baker Reverse 9**

With 17 points you have a perfect hand for a Reverse. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner then says 3 ♣. What do you say?

Partner's return to your ♣ suit shows he has fewer than 9 points. Although it is possible to devise a hand for him where your side could make 3NT, the risk is too great.

So you pass. It's a good thing, too.

**Deal 10**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 4  
♥ T 5 3 2  
♦ Q J 2  
♣ Q J T 5

16  
8    11  
5

♠ J 7 3

♥ J

♦ A K 6 4

♣ A K 9 8 3



♠ T 8 5

♥ K Q 9 8 7 4

♦ 8 3

♣ 7 6

♠ A K 9 6 2

♥ A 6

♦ T 9 7 5

♣ 4 2

**Baker Reverse 10**

You have 7 points, and basically nothing but s♥. You must make a minimum bid, and the only reasonable one is 2♥. Despite his 17 points, partner passes.

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

All Pass

2 ♥ by South

**Deal 11**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 3  
♥ K 6 5 4 3  
♦ 2  
♣ Q J 9 8

17  
7      9  
7

♠ 7  
♥ A Q J 9  
♦ K Q J 7 6 4  
♣ A 3



♠ A K 8 6  
♥ 7 2  
♦ T 9 8  
♣ 7 6 5 4

♠ Q 9 5 4 2  
♥ T 8  
♦ A 5 3  
♣ K T 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	5 ♦	All Pass	

5 ♦ by North

**Baker Reverse 11**

You have an ideal hand for a Reverse, so you bid 2 ♥.

Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

Partner has a minimum hand, but at least he came up with a preference for ♦s.

There are no guarantees here, but you should probably try 5 ♦.

# Deal 12

North Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ 6 2  
♥ J 6 5 4  
♦ T 8 7  
♣ A J 7 2

17  
6 9  
8

♠ J 5  
♥ A T  
♦ A Q J 3  
♣ K Q 9 8 6



♠ K Q 9 7 4 3  
♥ 8 7 2  
♦ K 5  
♣ T 3

♠ A T 8  
♥ K Q 9 3  
♦ 9 6 4 2  
♣ 5 4

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

4 ♠ by North

## Baker Reverse 12

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. With your ♥ stopper you might be considering 3NT, but since you know of an 8-card ♠ fit you decide on 4 ♠.

Be very glad that you did. 3NT would go down with a ♥ opening lead while 4 ♠ is cold.

**Deal 13**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 2  
 ♥ A T 9  
 ♦ 8 7 5 3  
 ♣ 9 4 3

16  
 4      8  
 12

♠ J  
 ♥ K 8 4  
 ♦ A Q T 9  
 ♣ K Q J T 7



♠ A 8 6 4 3  
 ♥ 7 6  
 ♦ K J 6 4  
 ♣ A 5

♠ K Q 7 5  
 ♥ Q J 5 3 2  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ 8 6 2

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

5 ♦ by North

**Baker Reverse 13**

With partner showing 17 or more points, your 13 brings you to game level. You want to support partner's ♦s but you must jump to show that you have more than 8 points. So you bid 4 ♦ and partner raises it to game.

**Deal 14**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 4 2  
♥ A J T  
♦ 7 6 3  
♣ 5 4

7  
9 10  
14

♠ A T 8 3

♥ 8 5 2

♦ T 9 5

♣ Q J 3



♠ 9

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ K Q 8 4 2

♣ A T 8

♠ Q 7 5

♥ 9 4 3

♦ A J

♣ K 9 7 6 2

**Baker Reverse 14**

You only have 15 points, not enough to Reverse, so you cannot bid the ♥ suit.

Instead you content yourself with 1NT. Partner passes.

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

1 NT by South