

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4 2
 ♥ A Q T 9 8 5
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ A T 5

11
 10 5
 14

♠ K T 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ K J 9 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 5
 ♥ K J 2
 ♦ T 9 8 2
 ♣ 7 6 4 3

♠ A Q 8 7 6
 ♥ 7 3
 ♦ K Q J 7
 ♣ Q 2

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Cue-bid 1

You have a limit raise in ♠s; if West had not overcalled you would have bid 3♠.

Instead, you cue-bid 3♥, promising at least 11 points and support for ♠s. Partner bids the game.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J
 ♥ K 5 2
 ♦ J 6 2
 ♣ K Q J T 9 3

11
 11 3
 15

♠ K Q 6 3

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ Q 8

♣ 8 4 2



♠ A T 9 8 4
 ♥ 9 6 4
 ♦ A K 7
 ♣ A 5

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Cue-bid 2

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s.

With your 17 revalued points you know that your side has at least enough for game, so bid 4♠.

Deal 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q T 9 6 3
♥ 8 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A K 7

10
9 9
12

♠ 8 5
♥ Q 9 7 3
♦ K Q 4
♣ Q J 9 2

N
W E
S

♠ A K J
♥ J T
♦ T 9 8 6
♣ T 8 6 5

♠ 7 4 2
♥ A K 6 5 4
♦ A J 3
♣ 4 3

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

3 ♥ by South

Baker Cue-bid 3

You have a limit raise in ♥s; if West had not overcalled you would have bid 3 ♥.

Instead, you cue-bid 2 ♠, promising at least 11 points and support for ♥s. Partner bids 3 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner indicates a minimum hand and you don't have enough extra to bid more.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J T 8 2

♥ T 6

♦ Q T 8 3

♣ J

7
9 9
15
 ♠ A 3
 ♥ Q 8 7 4
 ♦ J 6 2
 ♣ 8 7 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

 ♠ 7 5
 ♥ 9 2
 ♦ A K 5
 ♣ Q T 9 6 5 3

 ♠ 9 6 4
 ♥ A K J 5 3
 ♦ 9 7 4
 ♣ A K

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

3♥ by North

Baker Cue-bid 4

You have a pretty good hand and if partner has a limit raise or better you should bid 4♥.

But partner doesn't have a limit raise - if he did he would have cue-bid. So you pass.

Deal 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 4
 ♥ A K T 9 8 5
 ♦ T 2
 ♣ A Q J 7

7
 14 7
 12

♠ K T 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ T 8 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 5 2
 ♥ Q J 2
 ♦ 9 8 5 3
 ♣ K 5 4

♠ A Q 8 7 6
 ♥ 7 3
 ♦ K Q J 7
 ♣ 9 2

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

3♠ by North

Baker Cue-bid 5
 You would have bid 2♠ if West had not overcalled.

Instead, with 4 trumps you can jump to 3♠ as a preemptive measure. Partner will not mistake this for a limit raise since you would have cue-bid with 11+ points and support.

The jump to 3 is based on the Law of Total Tricks - bidding to a trick level equal to the number of your side's trumps.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K T 9 5 2**♥ 8 3 2****♦ K****♣ J 7 4****♠ 8 4 3****♥ K T 6 4****♦ A Q 5****♣ Q 9 3****♠ Q 7****♥ A****♦ T 9 8 6 3 2****♣ T 8 6 2****11
11 6
12**

♠ J 6
♥ Q J 9 7 5
♦ J 7 4
♣ A K 5

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

3 ♥ by South

Baker Cue-bid 6

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♥s, 11 points or more.

You, however, have a bare-bones minimum. So you rebid a minimum 3 ♥, which partner passes.

Deal 7

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 2
♥ J 9 4 2
♦ 9 8 7
♣ A T 7 5 4

12
5 13
10

♠ Q J 8 6

♥ 7

♦ A K Q 4

♣ 8 6 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ 7 5 3
♥ A K Q T 6
♦ J T 2
♣ Q J

♠ A K T 9 4
♥ 8 5 3
♦ 6 5 3
♣ K 9

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Cue-bid 7

You have 14 points in support of ♠s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2♥, showing a good hand with support and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 3♠. What do you say?

4♠. Partner's jump shows a good overcall, but not enough strength to insist on game when you might have only 11 points. You have plenty extra so you bid the game.

Deal 8

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5	♦ A K Q T 5 3	♥ A K Q T 5 3	♣ 6 4
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11	10	0	19
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♠ J T 9 8

♥ J 9 4

♦ A 8 6 2

♣ A J

N	W	E	S
♠ 3	♥ 7 6 2	♦ 9 7 3	♣ T 9 8 7 3 2

♠ A K Q 6 4 2	♥ 8	♦ K Q 4	♣ K Q 5
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West	North	East	South
2♥	3♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	4NT
All Pass			6♠

6♠ by South

Baker Cue-bid 8

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s, 11 points or more.

There is only one thing you want to know now - how many Aces partner holds. So you bid 4NT to find out. Partner responds 5♥. What do you say?

You know you have a loser. Bid 6♠.

Deal 9

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 5 3 2
♥ 6
♦ K Q T 2
♣ 8 6 2

11
8 12
9

♠ 8 6
♥ A 9 8 4
♦ 9 6 5 4
♣ A Q J

N
W E
S

♠ A T
♥ 7 5 3
♦ A J
♣ K 9 7 5 4 3

♠ Q J 7 4
♥ K Q J T 2
♦ 8 7 3
♣ T

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

2 ♥ by South

Baker Cue-bid 9

You have 12 points in support of ♥s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2♣. Since the opponents have bid two suits you can cue-bid either one of them, so you usually pick the one you have the most strength in. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner had a minimum overcall so he made a minimum rebid.

Deal 10

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 8 5 2

♥ 2

♦ 8

♣ A K Q J 8 6 5

♠ K Q T 6

♥ Q J 9 7 6

♦ Q J 7 5

♣ -

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 4

♥ T 4

♦ K T 9 4 3 2

♣ T 3 2

11

11 3

15

♠ A 7 3
♥ A K 8 5 3
♦ A 6
♣ 9 7 4

West North East South

2♣

Pass

All Pass

1♥

4♥

6♥

Baker Cue-bid 10

You have about 15 points in support of ♥s so you cue-bid 3♣, showing a limit raise or better and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 4♥. What do you say?

5♣. Partner's jump shows a good hand and you have more than you have promised so far. This cue-bid is a different type, showing first round control in ♣s, Ace or void. That was apparently what partner wanted to hear since he went right to slam.

6♥ by South