

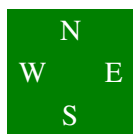
Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 3
♥ J 6
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A Q 9 5 2

♠ 7 4 2
♥ K T 7 4 2
♦ A Q 4
♣ K 3



♠ A K J T 6 5
♥ A
♦ T 9 3
♣ J T 7

♠ 8
♥ Q 9 8 5 3
♦ K J 8 5
♣ 8 6 4

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 ♠.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

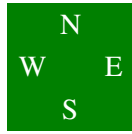
♠ Q 8 4
♥ 4 2
♦ K 9 8 6
♣ Q J 9 2

♠ A K 9 7 2

♥ Q 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ T 6 5



♠ J T 6 5

♥ T 9 6

♦ T 5

♣ A K 8 4

♠ 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 North

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 ♥.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

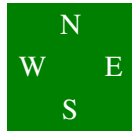
♠ 8 4
 ♥ K J 4 3
 ♦ T 8 6
 ♣ 9 7 3 2

♠ A Q T 9 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4



♠ 6 5

♥ Q T 7 6

♦ A 9 5

♣ J T 8 6

♠ K J 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A K Q 5

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

6 ♠ by North

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 ♠.

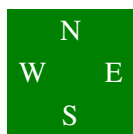
Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 9 6
♥ 2
♦ 8 7 5 3
♣ A K 9 4 3

♠ A K T 8
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ Q T 9 6
♣ 8



♠ J 4 3 2
♥ Q J
♦ A 4 2
♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ 7 5
♥ A K T 7 6 4
♦ K J
♣ Q J T

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

4 ♥ by South

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.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 7 3
 ♥ 9 8
 ♦ K 3 2
 ♣ K Q T 5 4

♠ K Q T 8

♥ Q 6

♦ Q J 9 6

♣ A 9 6



♠ 5 4

♥ T 5 3 2

♦ A 8 7 4

♣ J 8 2

♠ A 9 6 2

♥ A K J 7 4

♦ T 5

♣ 7 3

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.

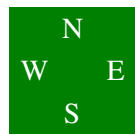
Board 6

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 4 3
 ♥ A T 9 8 5 3
 ♦ 8
 ♣ K T 2

♠ K Q 8 6
 ♥ J 7 6
 ♦ Q J 7 6
 ♣ 9 6



♠ 2
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ A 9 4 3 2
 ♣ Q 8 5 4 3

♠ 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 North

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 ♠.