

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



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

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

West	North	East	South
	1♠	2♥	3♠

All Pass

3 ♠ by South

Baker Cue-bid 5  
You would have bid 2♠ if East 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.

**Board 2**

South Deals

None Vul

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

	♠ 8 4 3
	♥ K T 6 4
	♦ A Q 5
	♣ Q 9 3
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	W      E
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	♠ Q 7
	♥ A
	♦ T 9 8 6 3 2
	♣ T 8 6 2

♠ J 6
♥ Q J 9 7 5
♦ J 7 4
♣ A K 5

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

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.

**Board 3**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 2

♥ J 9 4 2

♦ 9 8 7

♣ A T 7 5 4

♠ Q J 8 6

♥ 7

♦ A K Q 4

♣ 8 6 3 2

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

4 ♠ by South

**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.

**Board 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ J T 9 8

♥ J 9 4

♦ A 8 6 2

♣ A J

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

♠ 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

West	North	East	South
			1♠
2♥	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

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♠.