

**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

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♠ 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

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

All Pass

3 ♥

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.