

Board 1
 South Deals
 None Vul
 ♠ 9 8 3
 ♥ J 7 5
 ♦ J 5 4
 ♣ T 9 8 2

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

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

6NT by South

6NT.

Baker Transfers⁹
 South opens 1NT. What do you respond?

With 16 points you have to be thinking about slam.
 But first things first, start the transfer process by
 bidding 2♥.

What is your next bid after partner's 2♠?

With 16 points you want to make an invitation to
 slam, but you also need to let partner know that you
 only have 5 ♠s so that he can play notrump when he
 only has a doubleton ♠.

The BEST way to say both these things is to bid 4NT.
 This is similar to the 2NT bid in Deal 2.

But you can see the problem with the bid - if partner
 mistakes it for Blackwood 4NT things could get very
 confused. So don't use this unless you know both of
 you are on the same wavelength.

Here both partners understood the bid and South bid

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J T 8 4 3

♥ T 5

♦ J 5 2

♣ A 5 3

♠ 7 5

♥ K Q 8 7 4

♦ T 9 3

♣ 8 7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 9 6

♥ 9 6 2

♦ Q 8 7

♣ 9 6 2

♠ Q 2

♥ A J 3

♦ A K 6 4

♣ K Q J T

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

4♥ by East

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South opens 2NT showing a balanced 20-21 point hand. What do you respond?

Jacoby Transfers work fine with 2NT openings also. You should bid 3♦ as a transfer to ♥s. Partner complies by saying 3♥. What do you say now?

You bid 3NT which tells partner you have just 5 ♥s and lets him decide on which game to play.

On this Deal partner has 3 ♥s so he bids on to 4♥.

Notice that when partner opens 2NT the invitation to game option is no longer available. As responder you must decide immediately whether to stop short of game (by transferring then passing) or to go to game. This is not a serious problem since the tighter (20-21) point range makes responder's decision easier to make.

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J T 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ T 9 8 3
♣ T 5

♠ 9 2
♥ Q T 9 6 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ K 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 6 4
♥ A 5 3
♦ J 7 2
♣ A 9 6 2

♠ K Q 7 5
♥ J 8
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q J 7 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	All Pass	2♥

2 NT by North

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You open 1NT and partner responds 2♦. What do you bid?

This is an easy one. Partner has commanded you to say 2♥. So you say 2♥. Partner now bids 2NT.

What is your bid?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5♥. He asks that you take him back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You don't. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points or a good 16. You don't.

So you pass.

Board 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 5
♥ T 7 3 2
♦ 7 3
♣ Q 8 6 2

♠ K J T 6 3

♥ 9 6

♦ 9 8 2

♣ K J 4

N
W E
S

♠ 9 8 2
♥ K J 5 4
♦ A J 6 4
♣ 7 5

♠ Q 4
♥ A Q 8
♦ K Q T 5
♣ A T 9 3

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

3 NT by South

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You open 1NT and partner responds 2♥. What do you bid?

Naturally you say 2♠. Partner comes back with 2NT.

What do you bid?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5♠. He asks that you take him back to ♠s if you have 3 of them. You don't. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 3NT.