

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

All Pass

4 ♥ by North

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 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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

4 ♠ by South

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 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ K Q 8 6

♥ J 7 6

♦ Q J 7 6

♣ 9 6

♠ J 4 3

♥ A T 9 8 5 3

♦ 8

♣ K T 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by South

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 ♠.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 4 2
 ♥ A 9 8
 ♦ K T 8 5 2
 ♣ J 8

♠ K Q 8 6

♥ J 7 6

♦ J 7 6

♣ 9 6 5

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♠ 3

♥ T 5 4 3 2

♦ Q 9 4

♣ A K 7 2

♠ A T 9 7 5

♥ K Q

♦ A 3

♣ Q T 4 3

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

3 ♠ by North

Baker Major 19

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2 ♠.

Partner now bids 3 ♣. What do you bid next?

Again partner is inviting you to bid game. He wants you to bid it if you are at the top of your 6-T range, and he wants you to particularly promote any Help you can give him in ♣s.

You are at the bottom of your range and you have no help in ♣s, so you just return to ♠s. Partner passes.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T 8

♥ 9 8

♦ A 9 8

♣ Q 8 7 3

♠ A K 4 2

♥ A K J 5 3

♦ J 7 2

♣ T



♠ 7 6 5

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 6 5 4

♣ A K J 2

♠ 9 3

♥ Q T 6

♦ K Q T 3

♣ 9 6 5 4

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

4 ♥

All Pass

4 ♥ by South

Baker Major 20

Your only reasonable response is 2 ♥. Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

With 8 points you are right in the middle of the 6-10 points you promised. So you could either accept partner's invitation or decline it. BUT, he said you should particularly look at any Help you could provide in ♦ s. Since you have lots of good stuff in that suit you upgrade your 8 points and bid 4 ♥.