

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 3
♥ T 5
♦ A Q 9
♣ J 9 7 3 2

9
9 10
12

♠ 9 7 5
♥ Q 7 3 2
♦ 5 4 3
♣ A K 4

N
W E
S

♠ K J T 8 2
♥ 6 4
♦ K J T 6
♣ Q T

♠ A 4
♥ A K J 9 8
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 8 6 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	All Pass	1♥

2♥ by North

Baker Major 1

You dealt the hand. Decide what you would say, then click on BID in the bidding section above. [BID 1♥]

With 13 points and a nice 5-card Major suit you open 1♥. Partner responds 2♥. What do you say next? [BID pass]

You say pass. You have a minimum opening hand and partner has 6-10 points so no game is available.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q T
♥ J 4 3
♦ T 8 5 3
♣ A T 9 2

8
7 7
18

♠ 9 6 3
♥ Q 7 5 2
♦ K 4
♣ K 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 4
♥ A K T 9 8
♦ A 7 2
♣ Q J 5

♠ K J 8 7 5 2
♥ 6
♦ Q J 9 6
♣ 6 3

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

4♥ by South

Baker Major 2
[BID 1♥]

Nice hand. 19 points and a good 5-card Major. You open 1♥. Partner responds 2♥. What is your next bid? [BID 4♥]

You revalue to 20 points (doubleton ♠) and partner has between 6 and T. So, 26 to 30 is the total. Game should be there, but slam is out of reach. So you bid 4♥.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ J T 7 5
♦ 6 4 3
♣ A T 9 7 2

12
5 9
14

♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ K 8 3

♦ A Q J

♣ Q 6 4

N
W
E
S

♠ A 4 3
♥ Q 9 6 4 2
♦ K T 5
♣ 8 3

♠ K Q J T 6
♥ A
♦ 9 8 7 2
♣ K J 5

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Major 3
[BID 1♠]

With 15 points and a 5-card Major you open 1♠. Partner responds 3♠. What do you say? [BID 4♠]

Your 15 points gets revalued to 16/17 for the singleton. Add partner's T-12 and you have enough for game. So you bid 4♠.

Deal 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q
 ♥ A 7 6 5 2
 ♦ Q T 9 8
 ♣ 8 7 3

12
 8 8
 12

♠ K 7 4 2

♥ Q 8

♦ A 6 5 3

♣ K 9 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ J T 9
 ♥ K T 9 3
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ J T 5 2

♠ A 8 6 5 3
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ J 7 2
 ♣ A Q 6

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

3 ♠ by North

Baker Major 4
 [BID 1♠]

With 13 points you open 1♠. Partner responds 3♠. What do you say now? [BID pass]

Figure partner for 11-12 points. You have 13 but could revalue to 14 with the doubleton ♥. But the truth is that your points are not very good ones. You should pass.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T
♥ Q 9
♦ J T 8 3
♣ K T 7 6

9 13
9 7
11

♠ A 7 3
♥ A 7 3
♦ Q 5
♣ Q J 5 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ K 8 6 4
♥ 5 2
♦ A 9 6 4
♣ 9 8 2

♠ 9 5 2
♥ K J T 8 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ A

Baker Major 5
[BID 1♥]

You open 1♥ and partner responds 2♣, showing at least 11 points. You dealt this hand. What do you bid? [BID 2♥]

Partner's bid forces you to bid again. You have a bare-minimum hand, but at least you have a 6-card suit which you can rebid. You say 2♥ and partner raises to 4♥.

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

4♥ by North

Deal 7

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 3
♥ A 2
♦ Q J T 9 3
♣ K T 9 8 4

7
10 11
12

♠ J 8 7 4

♥ 7 5

♦ K 5 4

♣ Q J 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A K 6 5
♥ J 9 8 6 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A 3

Baker Major 6
[BID 1♥]

You open 1♥ and partner responds 1♠. It is your bid again. [BID 2♠]

You have good ♠ support but you must tell partner of your minimum hand. So you bid 2♠ and he passes.

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

2♠ by South

Deal 8
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 4 2
♥ J 9
♦ A J T 9 3
♣ 9 4 2

10
8 7
15

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ 5
♦ K Q 6 4
♣ Q 8 7 6

♠ J 8
♥ Q T 7 3 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K J T 5

♠ A T 6 5
♥ A K 8 6 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A 3

N
W E
S

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Major 7
[BID 1 ♥]

Naturally you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 1 ♠. What do you say next? [BID 3 ♠]

Partner has at least 4 ♠s and you have 4. So you have found the 8-card Major fit. Now it is a question of finding the right level. Your job is to further describe your hand as either minimum, medium, or maximum. With 17/18 points (revalued) you are a medium, so you jump to 3 ♠.

Partner bids the game.

Deal 9

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 8 6
♥ J 3
♦ 6 5 4
♣ A 7 4 2

15
6 7
12

♠ A 4
♥ Q 7
♦ K T 9 7
♣ K Q J 8 6

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 7 3
♥ A T 9 5
♦ Q J 3
♣ T

Baker Major 8
[BID 1♠]

Of course you open 1♠. Partner responds 2♣.
What is your next bid? [BID 2♥]

Partner has shown at least 11 points and you are forced to bid again. Since the ♥'s rank below ♠'s you can bid them with your minimum hand. Apparently that is just what partner wanted to hear since he jumps to 3NT which you happily pass.

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

3NT by North

Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 8
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ T 7 6 5 2
 ♣ J T 2

11
 7 9
 13

♠ 6 2
 ♥ K 9 7 3
 ♦ A 8 4
 ♣ A 9 8 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ K J 4
 ♥ 6 4 2
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ K Q 6 5 4

♠ A 9 7 5 3
 ♥ Q J T 5
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ 7

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

Baker Major 9
 [BID 1♠]

You open 1♠ and partner responds 2♥. What do you bid next? [BID 4♥]

Partner has shown 11+ points and at least 4 ♥s. Your hand revalues to 16 points in support of ♥s, where you know you have an 8-card fit or better. You bid 4♥ confidently.

4♥ by South

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4 2
♥ T 9 2
♦ 8 4 2
♣ A K J 3

9
8
15

♠ Q 6
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ A 9 7
♣ T 8 5 4

N	E
W	S

♠ J 9
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 6 5 3
♣ Q 9 6 2

♠ A K T 7 5 3
♥ Q J 5
♦ K Q T
♣ 7

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

Baker Major 10
[BID 1♠]

We all know you will open 1♠ with this hand. And after partner responds 1NT what is your next bid? [BID 3♠]

With 6 of them you can rebid ♠s but you are too strong to say just 2♠. Your 17 points puts you in the Medium range where you make a jump. So you bid 3♠ and partner bids 4♠.

Deal 12

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9 3
♥ T 6 4 3
♦ Q J
♣ 8 5 2

11
6 3
20

♠ A T 2
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ 6
♥ A Q J 9 8
♦ A K 8 5
♣ K Q J

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

6♥ by South

Baker Major 11
[BID 1♥]

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2♣. So you open 1♥ and partner responds 3♥. Now what? [BID 4NT]

You might bid 4♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid? [BID 6♥]

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6♥.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 6
 ♥ 9 4 3
 ♦ T 4 2
 ♣ J 5 4

19
 8 7
 6

♠ K 5
 ♥ A K Q 7 5
 ♦ K 6 3
 ♣ A T 8

N
 W E
 S

♠ T 4 3 2
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ J 9 7
 ♣ K Q 9 7

♠ 9 8 7
 ♥ T 8 6
 ♦ A Q 8 5
 ♣ 6 3 2

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

4♥ by North

Baker Major 12
 [BID 2♥]

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2♥ and he promptly raises to 4♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.

Deal 14

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 3
♥ J 6
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A Q 9 5 2

12
9 13
6

♠ 7 4 2
♥ K T 7 4 2
♦ A Q 4
♣ K 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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
[BID 4♥]

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♠.

Deal 15

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 6 5
 ♥ T 9 6
 ♦ T 5
 ♣ A K 8 4

15
 8 8
 9

♠ 3
 ♥ A K J 8 7 3
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ 7 3

N ♠ Q 8 4
 W ♥ 4 2
 E ♦ K 9 8 6
 S ♣ Q J 9 2

 ♠ A K 9 7 2
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ 7 4 2
 ♣ T 6 5

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

4♥ by South

Baker Major 14
[BID 1♠]

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? [BID 4♥]

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♥.

Deal 16

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4
♥ K J 4 3
♦ T 8 6
♣ 9 7 3 2

16
4 7
13

♠ A Q T 9 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4

N
W E
S

♠ 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	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	

6 ♠ by North

Baker Major 15
 [BID 2 ♣]

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? [BID 4 ♠]

You now jump to 4 ♠, completing the picture of an opening hand with good ♠ support. Partner bids 4 NT. What say you? [BID 5 ♦]

This is Blackwood so you answer 5 ♦ for one Ace. Partner says 6 ♠.

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 3 2
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ A 4 2
 ♣ 7 6 5 2

14
 8 9
 9

♠ 7 5
 ♥ A K T 7 6 4
 ♦ K J
 ♣ Q J T

N	W	E
S		

♠ 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
 [BID 3♥]

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.

Deal 18

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4
♥ T 5 3 2
♦ A 8 7 4
♣ J 8 2

12
5 9
14

♠ A 9 6 2
♥ A K J 7 4
♦ T 5
♣ 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
All Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠

4 ♠ by South

Baker Major 17
[BID 1♠]

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? [BID 4♠]

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.

Deal 19

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
♥ 4 2
♦ A 9 4 3 2
♣ Q 8 5 4 3

17
6 8
9

♠ A T 9 7 5

♥ K Q

♦ K T 5

♣ A J 7

N
W
E
S

♠ 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

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Major 18
[BID 2♠]

With 4-card support you respond 2♠. Partner raises to 3♠. What do you say next? [BID 4♠]

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♠.

Deal 20

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 3
♥ T 5 4 3 2
♦ Q 9 4
♣ A K 7 2

15
9
7

♠ A T 9 7 5

♥ K Q

♦ A 3

♣ Q T 4 3

N
W
E
S

♠ K Q 8 6

♥ J 7 6

♦ J 7 6

♣ 9 6 5

♠ J 4 2

♥ A 9 8

♦ K T 8 5 2

♣ J 8

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

3 ♠ by South

Baker Major 19
[BID 2♠]

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2♠. Partner now bids 3♣. What do you bid next? [BID 3♠]

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.

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T 8
♥ 9 8
♦ A 9 8
♣ Q 8 7 3

16
9 8
7

♠ 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

N
W E
S

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

4♥ by South

Baker Major 20
[BID 2♥]

Your only reasonable response is 2♥. Partner now bids 3♦. What do you say? [BID 4♥]

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♥.