

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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 3 2
♦ K
♣ J 7 4

♠ 8 4 3

♥ K T 6 4

♦ A Q 5

♣ Q 9 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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 ♠

2 ♠

Pass

1 ♥

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

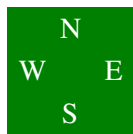
♣ Q J

♠ 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

1 ♥

Pass

All Pass

North

1 ♠

3 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

4 ♠

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

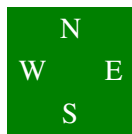
♠ 7 5
♥ A K Q T 5 3
♦ J T 5
♣ 6 4

♠ J T 9 8

♥ J 9 4

♦ A 8 6 2

♣ A J



♠ 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 ♠.