

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A T 2

♥ Q 2

♦ 9 6 3

♣ K Q 8 6 4

♠ K Q 9

♥ A K 8

♦ A J T

♣ A J 9 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 7 4 3

♥ J T 9 6 5

♦ 8 5

♣ T 3

♠ 8 6 5

♥ 7 4 3

♦ K Q 7 4 2

♣ 5 2

West	North	East	South
1♣	Dbl	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

Baker Takeout 13

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You double and partner responds 1♦. What do you bid next?

The pattern continues. Overcall 1NT with 15-18. Double, then bid notrump with 19-20. Double then jump in notrump with 21-22. So you jump to 2NT. Partner puts it to 3NT.

Board 2

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A K T 3
♥ A J 8 2
♦ A Q 6
♣ 8 3

♠ J 7 2

♥ 7 6 5

♦ 9 4

♣ K Q J T 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ Q 4 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 7 6 4

♠ 8 4
♥ K T 9
♦ K J T 7 3
♣ A 9 2

West	North	East	South
			1♦
Dbl	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

2♠ by West

Baker Takeout 14

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have no choice. You absolutely may not pass. So you say 1♠. Partner now bids 2♠. What do you say?

Partner obviously has a good hand. Your response showed 0-8 points and he still found enough strength to invite you to bid game. However, with your 4-point square hand you must decline the invitation.

Board 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4 2

♥ A K Q T 4

♦ A 9 7 3

♣ 2

♠ A K J 3

♥ 5 2

♦ K Q T 6

♣ K Q 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 7

♥ J 9 6

♦ J 5 2

♣ T 8 7 4 3

♠ Q 9 6 5

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 8 4

♣ A J 9 6

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Takeout 15

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With 7 points you must make a minimum response. Even though ♣s is your best suit you should prefer to show a 4-card Major. So you bid 1♠. Partner raises to 2♠ and it is your turn to bid.

Your first response showed 0-8 points. Knowing that, partner still invited you to go on if you were at the high end of the range. With 7 HCP and a doubleton you are right at the maximum for your bid, so you bid 4♠.

Board 4

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 5 4
♥ K T 6 4
♦ Q J 9 8
♣ 8 3

♠ Q J T 6 3 2

♥ Q

♦ A 5 4

♣ Q J 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9
♥ A 9 3 2
♦ K T 6 3
♣ A K 7 5

♠ K 8 7
♥ J 8 7 5
♦ 7 2
♣ T 9 4 2

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

4♥ by East

Baker Takeout 16

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Your hand falls in the 9-11 point mid-range response where you make a jump bid. With two decent suits you naturally choose the Major and bid 3♥. Partner raises you to game.