

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 8 7 5

♥ K 9

♦ J 8

♣ J 7 5 2

♠ A 6 2

♥ 8 7 5

♦ A K Q

♣ A T 9 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 4

♥ A 4 3

♦ T 9 6 4 2

♣ 6 3

♠ 9 3

♥ Q J T 6 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ K Q 4

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

4♥ by North

Baker Transfers 13

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

Partner's command is your wish - you say 2♥.

He now bids 2NT. What do you say?

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 do. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 4♥.

With your 3-3-3-4 distribution you might have been tempted to bid 3NT instead of 4♥. It's a good thing you didn't, they would have killed you in ♠s.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 9 7 5 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ 5 3

♣ 7 6

♠ Q 8 4 2

♥ J

♦ K J 9 8

♣ A T 9 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 6

♥ A 7 5

♦ A Q 7 2

♣ K J 8 3

♠ T

♥ K Q T 9 6 3

♦ T 6 4

♣ Q 4 2

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

3 ♠ by West

Baker Transfers 14

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

The initial response to a transfer is really easy. You bid 2♠.

But what do you bid after partner then says 3♠?

Partner has 6 ♠s and you have 2. So a ♠ contract is fine.

Partner has 9 points and you have 15. So a game contract is too high.

You pass. And you're going to have to play great to make even 9 tricks!

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J T 9

♥ 4 3

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ Q T 4

♠ 8 7 3

♥ A K T 8 7 2

♦ 9 3

♣ 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 5 4 2

♥ Q J

♦ T 6 4

♣ J 7 3 2

♠ A 6

♥ 9 6 5

♦ K Q J 2

♣ A K 9 8

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

All Pass

4♥ by South

Baker Transfers 15

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

You follow orders and say 2♥.

Partner follows up with 3♥. What do you bid next?

Partner has 9 points and 6 ♥s. You have 17 points and 3 ♥s. That adds up to 26 points and 9 ♥s. You have enough points for game and enough trumps to play ♥s so you bid 4♥.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 6
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K Q J 2
♣ A K 9 8

♠ K 5 2
♥ A 8 7 4 3
♦ 8 7
♣ J 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 8 7 3
♥ K Q T
♦ A 4
♣ T 7 3

♠ Q J 4
♥ J 2
♦ T 9 6 5 3
♣ Q 5 4

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

3 NT by West

Baker Transfers 16

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

You say 2♠ and partner rebids 2NT. What do you bid?

Partner has 9 points and a 5-card ♠ suit. He is inviting you to choose a game if you have maximum.

Since you have 17 points you accept the invitation, but with only 2 ♠s you choose 3NT.

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 3 2

♥ 7

♦ T 9 8 3 2

♣ A Q T 2

♠ A K

♥ J 6 5

♦ A K J 4

♣ J 8 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 7 6

♥ A 9 4 2

♦ Q 6

♣ K 9 7 4

♠ Q 9 8 5 4

♥ K Q T 8 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 3

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

4♥ by North

Baker Transfers 17

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

You obey partner and bid 2♥ but he then bids 2♠.

What do you bid?

Partner has told you that he has an inviting, 9-point hand with 5 of each Major. He wants you to choose a Major and also decide whether to play game or partscore.

Despite your ♠s being so beautiful there are only two of them so you pick ♥s. And since you have a maximum 17 points you bid the game, 4♥.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 8 7 3
♥ K T 9 6 5
♦ 7 5
♣ 9

♠ J
♥ J 8 3
♦ A T 9 3 2
♣ Q 8 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T 5
♥ A Q 4
♦ K J 4
♣ K J 6 5

♠ 9 6 4 2
♥ 7 2
♦ Q 8 6
♣ A T 4 2

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

4 ♠ by East

Baker Transfers 18

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

You say 2♠. Partner then bids 3♥. What do you bid?

Partner has a game forcing hand and is 5-5 in the Majors. He has asked you to choose one of them to bid game in.

With 3 of each you might be inclined to choose your stronger one, ♥s, but in fact that doesn't really matter since partner is probably stronger in ♠s.

What does matter is those minor suits. If the opening lead is a ♣ or ♦, which is very likely, you want the lead to be coming into your hand, not partner's. And in general you would prefer to have the stronger hand remain concealed. So you bid 4♠ where you will be declarer, rather than 4♥ where partner would be declarer.