

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 3 2
♥ T 5 4 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K Q 6

♠ T 7 5

♥ 8 2

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ J T 8 4

	N	
W		E
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♠ 9 8
♥ Q 9
♦ J T 8 4
♣ A 9 7 3 2

♠ K Q J 6 4
♥ A K J 7 6
♦ K 6
♣ 5

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Reverse 6
You are the dealer.

It may be tempting to open 1♥, planning on Reversing in ♠ at your second turn to show your big hand.

Don't. A Reverse should always show an unbalanced hand with the first suit longer. So you open 1♠ and partner replies 2♠.

What do you bid?

If you had opened 1♥ partner would have replied 1NT. Then when you Reversed with 2♠ he would have assumed you had a 4-card ♠ suit and would probably have put you back in ♥s, your known 5-card suit.

Things would have gotten confusing, to say the least.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 8 5 3
 ♥ A T 7 6
 ♦ Q T
 ♣ 3 2

♠ T 7 4

♥ K J 9 8

♦ K 7 3

♣ 9 8 5



♠ 9 6 2
 ♥ Q 4 3
 ♦ J 9 8 5
 ♣ Q J 6

♠ A K
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ A 6 4 2
 ♣ A K T 7 4

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

3♣ by North

Baker Reverse 7

You would really love to pass. You have a terrible hand and you like the ♦s better than the ♣s.

But you are forced to bid. And since partner has 5 ♣s and only 4 ♦s, you should take him back to his first suit.

Mercifully he passes.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ T 9 7 5 4
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ A 5 3

♠ J 7

♥ A K 6 3
♦ K Q T 8 5
♣ K T



♠ A 9 8 4 3 2
♥ J 2
♦ 3
♣ 8 6 4 2

♠ K Q T 5
♥ Q 8
♦ J 9 4
♣ Q J 9 7

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

3 NT by South

Baker Reverse 8

When partner shows 17+ points with his Reverse you are sure you belong in game. Since he did not support your ♠s you know he doesn't have four of them. You also know you have an 8-card fit in ♦s, but surely nine tricks in Notrump will be easier than eleven in ♦s.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 8 7

♥ Q J 9 7

♦ A T 2

♣ Q 6

♠ Q 5 2

♥ A 8 6 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 8 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 9 4

♥ T 4 2

♦ 9 8 4

♣ J 9 5

♠ 6 3

♥ K 5

♦ K Q J 6

♣ A K T 7 2

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

3♣ by North

Baker Reverse 9

With 17 points you have a perfect hand for a Reverse. So you bid 2♦. Partner then says 3♣. What do you say?

Partner's return to your ♣ suit shows he has fewer than 9 points. Although it is possible to devise a hand for him where your side could make 3NT, the risk is too great.

So you pass. It's a good thing, too.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 4
♥ T 5 3 2
♦ Q J 2
♣ Q J T 5

♠ J 7 3

♥ J

♦ A K 6 4

♣ A K 9 8 3



♠ A K 9 6 2
♥ A 6
♦ T 9 7 5
♣ 4 2

♠ T 8 5
♥ K Q 9 8 7 4
♦ 8 3
♣ 7 6

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

2♥ by South

Baker Reverse 10

You have 7 points, and basically nothing but s♥. You must make a minimum bid, and the only reasonable one is 2♥. Despite his 17 points, partner passes.