

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 5

♥ 7 3

♦ T 9 3

♣ A K J 6 2

13

8 7

12

♠ K Q J 4 2

♥ K 5

♦ A 5 2

♣ 7 5 3

N

W E

S

♠ T 9

♥ A 9 6 4

♦ Q J 7 4

♣ T 9 8

♠ A 7 3

♥ Q J T 8 2

♦ K 8 6

♣ Q 4

bid is New Minor Forcing.

NORTH chose

s rather than simply

because the

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

s were stronger.

4 ♠ by North

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 7 3
♥ T 7 3
♦ J 8 6 4
♣ A K 9

8
10 6
16

♠ J 8 4
♥ K Q 8 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ 7 6 3



♠ K 5
♥ A J 9 6 2
♦ A K
♣ J 8 5 2

♠ A T 9 6 2
♥ 5
♦ T 9 7 3
♣ Q T 4

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

3 ♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 2

SOUTH is unlikely to win 10 tricks if NORTH has three losers.

SOUTH's 3 bid is a Help Suit Game try.

With no help in and no ruffing values, NORTH's 8 points are

not enough to think of game, so NORTH signs off in 3

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 5
♥ J 7 6 2
♦ A T 9
♣ Q T 8

13
7 6
14

♠ A J 7 6 2

♥ K T 9 4

♦ K Q 6

♣ 4



♠ K 8

♥ Q 8 5

♦ J 8 4

♣ A K J 7 3

♠ Q 4 3

♥ A 3

♦ 7 5 3 2

♣ 9 6 5 2

West

Pass

Pass

North

1 ♠

2 ♥

3NT

East

Pass

Pass

All Pass

South

2 ♣

3 ♦

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 3
SOUTH's 3

bid is Fourth Suit Forcing and

does NOT show a

stopper.

The bid asks NORTH to further describe her hand.

NORTH does not have a rebiddable suit, but does have

3NT by North

s stopped so she bids 3NT.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J T 3
♥ J 4
♦ J 8 6 5
♣ A 9 6

10
11 7
12

♠ Q 9 6 5 2
♥ 7 6 3
♦ A Q
♣ Q 8 4



♠ 8 7
♥ A Q 5
♦ K T 9 4 3
♣ K T 7

♠ K 4
♥ K T 9 8 2
♦ 7 2
♣ J 5 3 2

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

2NT by South

But he does have

s stopped, so bids 2NT. North is not strong

enough to bid game so she passes.

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 4

NORTH cannot rebid the 5-card suit, cannot support SOUTH's

s,

and cannot bid Notrump without a

stopper.

So she bids 3 New Minor Forcing, asking SOUTH to describe his hand further.

SOUTH doesn't have three nor does he have four

s.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J
♥ Q 9 8 2
♦ Q 8 5 2
♣ A Q 9 8

14
11 8
7

♠ A K T 6 2

♥ A 4 3

♦ K 9 6 4

♣ 7



♠ Q 5 4 3

♥ 7 5

♦ A J T 3

♣ 6 5 2

♠ 9 8 7

♥ K J T 6

♦ 7

♣ K J T 4 3

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 5
NORTH's 3

bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

SOUTH has excellent help in

s

so with 8 points he bids the game.

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

4 ♠ by South

Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7
♥ K 8 6 5 3
♦ A T 6 5 2
♣ 5 4

14
7 6
13

♠ Q J 8 3
♥ A Q J 7
♦ J 9
♣ K T 2



♠ A T 5
♥ T 4
♦ K Q 7 4
♣ A 8 6 3

♠ K 9 6 4 2
♥ 9 2
♦ 8 3
♣ Q J 9 7

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 6

NORTH has no reason to consider New Minor
Forcing with this hand.

SOUTH does not have four

s or he would have already supported, and

he does not have four or he would not have
bid 1NT.

So NORTH should bid the Notrump game.

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J T
♥ A 6 3
♦ Q J T 8 7 3
♣ 7 2

12
8 7
13

♠ A Q 9 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ A 9 6

♣ Q T 4



♠ K 6 4

♥ K Q 9 7 4

♦ 4

♣ A J 6 5

♠ 8 5 3
♥ J T 2
♦ K 5 2
♣ K 9 8 3

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 7

NORTH might well bid 3NT at his second turn, and this may turn out to be the

final contract anyway.

But it doesn't hurt to bid 2

(Fourth Suit Forcing) just to

see if SOUTH happens to have three sShe does, so 4 becomes the better game.

Deal 8

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 9 2
♥ A 6 5
♦ 8 6 2
♣ J 7 6

13
8 6
13

♠ A K 7 6 3
♥ K T 8 4
♦ K 4
♣ 5 2



♠ 8 5
♥ Q J 9 7
♦ A Q 9
♣ A 8 4 3

♠ T 4
♥ 3 2
♦ J T 7 5 3
♣ K Q T 9

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 8

SOUTH isn't strong enough to make a Reverse bid of 2

at his second turn.

NORTH uses the 2

(NMF) bid to ask SOUTH for further description.

SOUTH should first show a 4-card

suit, and next show 3-card support.

Change SOUTH's

9 to the and the contract would be 4 .

Deal 9

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 6 3
♥ A J 4 3 2
♦ A K
♣ 6 5 2

14
12 9
5

♠ A Q J T 7

♥ 7 6 5

♦ 3

♣ A K 8 4



♠ K 9 4 2

♥ 8

♦ 8 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 9 7

♠ 5

♥ K Q T 9

♦ Q J T 9 6

♣ J T 3

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 9
NORTH's 3

bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

SOUTH barely had enough strength to respond in the first place, but revaluing the hand,

(and particularly the singleton

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

4 ♠ by South

), makes it worth a

raise to game.

Deal 10

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 4 3
♥ Q T 8 2
♦ 9 5
♣ K Q 8 4

12
7 8
13

♠ K T
♥ A 9 7 5 4
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ 9 6



♠ A J 7 5
♥ K 6
♦ 8 7 4
♣ A J T 3

♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ J 3
♦ A J T 3
♣ 7 5 2

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

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 10

SOUTH has no reason to consider Fourth Suit Forcing with this hand.

NORTH does not have four or he would have already supported.

So SOUTH should bid the Notrump game.

Deal 11
North Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ K 5
♦ T 9 5 3 2
♣ K Q J 5 3

12
9 11
8

♠ A 7
♥ Q T 9 7 6
♦ Q 7
♣ A T 9 6



♠ J 8 3
♥ A 8 3 2
♦ K 8 6 4
♣ 7 2

♠ K Q T 9 6 5 2
♥ J 4
♦ A J
♣ 8 4

. She is not strong enough to
try for game.

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
All Pass			

2 ♥ by South

Deal 12

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7
♥ 5 4 2
♦ A K J 7
♣ T 9 7 6 3

13
8 6
13

♠ K Q T 6 3
♥ K Q J 8
♦ 9 5
♣ Q 8



♠ 8 4
♥ A T 7
♦ Q T 6 4 3
♣ A K 2

♠ A J 9 5 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ 8 2
♣ J 5 4

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 12

NORTH knows there should be game, but doesn't know whether it will be 4

4

or 3NT. To find out which she uses NMF and

bids 2 at her second turn.

SOUTH does not have a 4-card

suit, nor does he have

three but he does have stopped so he bids 2NT, which North raises to 3NT.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 2
♥ A 7 6 2
♦ Q T 3
♣ 9 8 6

16
6 10
8

♠ A J
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ A 5
♣ J 5 4 2



♠ K 5 3
♥ T 9 5 3
♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ K Q

♠ Q T 9 7 4
♥ -
♦ K J 7 2
♣ A T 7 3

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

4 ♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 13

NORTH cannot see a game unless SOUTH has help in so she makes a Help Suit Game Try.

SOUTH has 8 points and the doubleton K Q so he bids the game.

Deal 14

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 4
♥ K 9 6 5 2
♦ 7 6
♣ 9 8 2

13
8 5
14

♠ 9 8 5
♥ J 7 4
♦ K Q T 3
♣ A K 5



♠ A J T
♥ A Q T 3
♦ 9 4
♣ Q J 6 4

♠ 7 6 3 2
♥ 8
♦ A J 8 5 2
♣ T 7 3

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

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 14

NORTH has a perfect hand on which to use
Fourth Suit Forcing. If South can stop

then 3NT would be a great contract.

There is one problem - if NORTH bids 1 at
her second turn it is NOT considered

FSF, so she must jump to 2 .

SOUTH, win a fine stopper, bids 3NT.

Deal 15

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 6
♥ 9 5 4 2
♦ K 5 4 2
♣ 7 4

13
8 7
12

♠ Q 7 5
♥ J T 7 6
♦ A 8
♣ K Q J 3



♠ K 8 4 3 2
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ 7 3
♣ A 5

♠ T 9
♥ A
♦ Q J T 9 6
♣ T 9 8 6 2

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

4 ♥ by South

first priority.

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 15
SOUTH's 2

bid is a perfect example of NMF.

It provides NORTH with the opportunity to show either a 4-card

suit,

OR 3-card support.

In this hand NORTH actually has both. When that happens, showing the

s is

Deal 16

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 6 5
♥ T 9 4 3
♦ 8 4
♣ K Q 7 3

13
9 6
12

♠ Q T 8 3

♥ A K 6 5

♦ T

♣ A 9 8 4



♠ K J 9 7

♥ 8 7

♦ A K J 6 2

♣ T 2

♠ 4 2

♥ Q J 2

♦ Q 9 7 5 3

♣ J 6 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

All Pass

1 ♣

1 ♥

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♦

1 ♠

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 16

SOUTH's 1 bid is definitely forcing, but it is not FSF. In this one instance, all

bids at the one level, the bid shows a real suit.

So NORTH shows the 4-card support and SOUTH bids game.

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 5 3 2
♥ J 4
♦ K 4 2
♣ Q T 3

14
9 10
7

♠ A 6 4
♥ A K 9 7 2
♦ 7
♣ K 8 6 5



♠ 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 3
♦ T 8 3
♣ A J 7 2

♠ Q J T
♥ T 8
♦ A Q J 9 6 5
♣ 9 4

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

4 ♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 17

NORTH could make a Help Suit Game Try in either or s.

But she doesn't need the help as much as she does in so she chooses s.

SOUTH doesn't have a strong hand but has excellent help in s

so he bids the game.

Deal 18

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 2
♥ 7 3 2
♦ Q 6 2
♣ T 9 7 6

14
6 7
13

♠ K J T 5

♥ T 9 6

♦ K 7

♣ A Q J 3



♠ Q 6

♥ K J 8 5

♦ A 9 8 5 4

♣ K 8

♠ 9 7 4 3

♥ A Q 4

♦ J T 3

♣ 5 4 2

West

Pass

All Pass

North

1 ♣

1 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♦

3NT

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 18
Could SOUTH bid 2

, (FSF), even though she actually has the suit?

Perhaps, but there is no reason to do so.
NORTH does not have four

s

or he would have mentioned them before
bidding s.

SOUTH should ignore the

suit and bid 3NT.

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 9
♥ A 4 3 2
♦ Q 7 5 2
♣ Q T 3

12
9 6
13

♠ A K T 6 3

♥ K Q 9 8 5

♦ 6 3

♣ 5



♠ Q 5 4

♥ 7 6

♦ A K 9 8

♣ A 8 7 4

♠ 8 7 2

♥ J T

♦ J T 4

♣ K J 9 6 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

2 ♣

All Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 19
NORTH cannot bid 2

at his second turn; that would be

Fourth Suit Forcing and wouldn't show the

suit at all.

With a game-forcing two-suiter he jumps to 3

instead.

SOUTH recognizes that NORTH must hold five and bids the game.

Deal 20

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 4 3 2
♥ T 9
♦ 8 5 3
♣ Q 7 5

11
7 10
12

♠ K 7 6
♥ K J 8 7 3
♦ A 9 4
♣ 9 2



♠ Q 8 5
♥ A 5
♦ K Q J 6 2
♣ 6 4 3

♠ T 9
♥ Q 6 4 2
♦ T 7
♣ A K J T 8

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

2♦ by South

NORTH has nowhere to go, so passes.

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 20

NORTH bids 2 as New Minor Forcing, hoping
SOUTH has three

s.

SOUTH does not have three

s and he has no other bid to make that

will describe his hand any better. He cannot bid
Notrump again without a stopper.

So SOUTH rebids the 5-card

suit.

Deal 21

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 5
♥ T 8 6 2
♦ 5 3
♣ A K J 4

12
8 7
13

♠ 8 4
♥ A K 9 4 3
♦ A J 9 6
♣ 7 5



♠ A Q J 6 3
♥ Q J 5
♦ K 4
♣ T 9 2

♠ K 7 2
♥ 7
♦ Q T 8 7 2
♣ Q 8 6 3

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

4 ♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 21

SOUTH should not use Fourth Suit Forcing to see if NORTH holds three because

that information is irrelevant.

SOUTH already knows there is an 8-card

fit and enough

points to be in game so he bids it.

Deal 22

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 5 2
♥ K Q 9
♦ Q J 5 4
♣ J 2

7
9 8
16

♠ Q 9 3
♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ K T 8 2
♣ Q 5



♠ A K J 8 6
♥ J 5 3
♦ 3
♣ A K 6 3

♠ 4
♥ A T 8
♦ A 9 7 6
♣ T 9 8 7 4

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

3 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 22

SOUTH thinks there might be game if NORTH can help with the three

losers. So he bids 3

as a Help Suit Game Try.

NORTH cannot provide any help at all, so quickly signs off in 3 which SOUTH passes.

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q T 3
♥ T 8 7
♦ T 8
♣ A K 9 7 2

10
9 8
13

♠ A J 8 6 2

♥ Q 9 3

♦ K 7 4

♣ 8 5



♠ K 9 5

♥ K J 2

♦ A 9 6 3

♣ Q 6 4

♠ 7 4

♥ A 6 5 4

♦ Q J 5 2

♣ J T 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

1NT

All Pass

2 ♠

2 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 23

NORTH bids 2 as New Minor Forcing, hoping
SOUTH will show three s.

SOUTH does show three s but also shows a
minimum hand so North passes.

Deal 24

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4 3 2
♥ 8 3
♦ T 6 3
♣ A T 9 2

13
5 9
13

♠ K T 7
♥ A K 6 5 2
♦ J 9 8
♣ Q 5



♠ A 9 5
♥ T 4
♦ K Q 7 4
♣ K J 6 3

♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q J 9 7
♦ A 5 2
♣ 8 7 4

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

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 24

NORTH wants to be in game but doesn't know which one.

If SOUTH holds three

s she would prefer 4

,

otherwise she would try 3NT. NORTH bids 2 ,
Fourth Suit Forcing.

SOUTH denies three

3NT by North

s but confirms a honor by

bidding 2NT, so NORTH bids the game in Notrump.