

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T
♥ A T 8 3
♦ 7 6 5 4 3
♣ A 9 6

♠ A K Q 9 8 3

♥ 2

♦ A K

♣ K Q J 8

N
W
E
S

♠ 6 5
♥ J 9 7 6
♦ Q J T 9
♣ T 4 2

♠ J 7 4 2
♥ K Q 5 4
♦ 8 2
♣ 7 5 3

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

5 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 7 1  
 SOUTH's 3<sup>rd</sup> supporting bid is enough to convince  
 NORTH to make a slam try.

NORTH bids Blackwood 4NT. If SOUTH shows one  
 Ace NORTH plans to bid 6 but

when SOUTH bids 5 NORTH settles for 5

**Board 2**North Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ K Q 9 7 5  
♥ 3  
♦ 8 7 5 2  
♣ 9 8 5

♠ A 6 4

♥ K J 9

♦ A K Q J 9

♣ K Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 8 2  
♥ 7 5 4 2  
♦ 6 4  
♣ A 6 3 2

♠ J 3  
♥ A Q T 8 6  
♦ T 3  
♣ J T 7 4

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 2  
SOUTH makes a positive 3

response to NORTH's 2 opener.

This promises at least 8 points and a 5-card suit with two or more honors.

NORTH only needs to know one thing - how many Aces in the SOUTH hand.

A Blackwood 4NT tells her the answer is one, so she bids 6

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 6 5 4

♥ A 9 8 5

♦ T 7 5

♣ T 8

♠ A 9 7

♥ Q J 4 2

♦ K Q 8 6

♣ A 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 8 3 2

♥ T 7 3

♦ J 9 3 2

♣ 6 4

♠ K Q

♥ K 6

♦ A 4

♣ K Q J 9 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6NT by South

## Baker Bidpractice/Set 7 3

When NORTH opens 1NT, point-count alone tells SOUTH that 6NT can surely be made.

NORTH is bound to hold at least two Aces. But SOUTH doesn't want to miss a Grand slam.

SOUTH bids 4 (Gerber), and NORTH admits to just two Aces.

So SOUTH settles for the small slam.

**Board 4**

North Deals  
Both Vul

♠ T 7  
♥ Q T 2  
♦ J 6 5 2  
♣ J 6 4 3

♠ J 9 5 2

♥ A J 7 4 3

♦ A Q

♣ 9 8

	N	♠ 8
W		♥ 9 8 6
	E	♦ T 9 8 4
S		♣ Q T 7 5 2

♠ A K Q 6 4 3

♥ K 5

♦ K 7 3

♣ A K

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

7NT by South

**Baker Bidpractice/Set 7 4**

SOUTH has a powerhouse and knows she will reach a slam somewhere. When NORTH

supports the ♠ it seems she has found her spot.

Blackwood tells her that NORTH has two Aces.

She can see there are 12 tricks available and decides to take a chance that

NORTH will have a thirteenth trick somewhere among his opening hand points.

She bids 7NT.

### *Board 5*

## South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 8 6

72

◆ 54

♣ A 9 4 3 2

♠ J 7 3

♥ A J T 9 8

♦ 832

♣ Q 8

N  
W E  
S

♠ T 5 4

43

◆ A T

♣ T 7 5

♠ A K 2

♥ K Q 6 5

♦ K Q J

♣ K J 6

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

5 ♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 7 5  
SOUTH is tempted to go right to 6

when she hears NORTH's positive

response. BUT, she should use Blackwood first.

It's good thing she did because NORTH admits to only one Ace - they are missing two Aces.