

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 6

♥ 4 3

♦ J T 7 4

♣ A J 9

14
8 6
12

♠ K 4 2
♥ A K 7 5
♦ A 2
♣ 8 7 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 3
♥ Q J T 8 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ Q 4

♠ J T 5

♥ 9 6

♦ Q 9 5 3

♣ K T 6 2

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

4♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 1
NORTH's 2NT bid is Jacoby, showing a game-forcing

raise.

SOUTH has a minimum opening hand with nothing extra to show, so signs off at 4

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 2

♥ 9 5 3

♦ 8 7 6 4

♣ A J 7

13

7 5

15

♠ K 8 5 4

♥ K Q 8 4

♦ T 5 2

♣ K Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3

♥ J T 7

♦ K J 9 3

♣ 9 8 6 4 3

♠ A J T 9 6

♥ A 6 2

♦ A Q

♣ T 5 2

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 2
NORTH's 2NT response is Jacoby - a game forcing raise.

SOUTH's 3NT bid shows extra strength, a 5-card trump suit and no singleton/void. This is

definitely NOT a suggestion to play Notrump - the trump suit is already agreed as s.

NORTH cannot make any positive move, so she bids 4 which SOUTH passes.

Deal 3

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ 7 6 4 3
♦ 7 3 2
♣ A K T 5

13
7 6
14

♠ K Q 5 3

♥ Q J 5

♦ K Q

♣ 9 7 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ 4

♥ A 9 8 2

♦ T 9 8 5 4

♣ Q 8 6

♠ A J T 7 6 2
♥ K T
♦ A J 6
♣ J 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 3

Following NORTH's Jacoby 2NT, SOUTH bids

3 This is stronger than 4 and

shows a 6-card suit.

NORTH has already bid the full strength of his hand so he signs off with 4 which SOUTH passes.

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

4 ♠ by North

Deal 4

South Deals	♠ K 9 6 5 2
None Vul	♥ A 7 6
	♦ Q 5
	♣ K Q 8
♠ 8	♠ T
♥ T 9 8 2	♥ 4 3
♦ A K T 8 7 4	♦ 9 6 2
♣ 4 3	♣ A J T 9 6 5 2
14	14
7 5	7 5
14	14
	♠ A Q J 7 4 3
	♥ K Q J 5
	♦ J 3
	♣ 7

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

4♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 4
The 3 bid shows a singleton / void in s.

NORTH doesn't have much strength above what she has already shown, but she takes advantage

of the bidding level to make a control-showing 3

bid.

SOUTH is concerned about the

suit with a worthless doubleton,

and he knows that NORTH doesn't have first-round control. He bids 4 and NORTH passes.

Deal 5
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 8
 ♥ 9 8 4 2
 ♦ K T 8 7
 ♣ A J 5 4

13
 8 5
 14

♠ K 9 6 5 2
 ♥ A 7 6
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ Q 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ T
 ♥ T 3
 ♦ Q 9 6 4 2
 ♣ K T 6 3 2

♠ A Q J 7 4 3
 ♥ K Q J 5
 ♦ J 3
 ♣ 7

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

6 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 5
 This is the companion to Deal 4.

After SOUTH bids 3 to show shortage,
 NORTH makes a Control-showing bid

of 3

.

SOUTH no longer worries about losing two quick

s. He uses

Blackwood to check for Aces, then bids 6 .

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 8 3 2
 ♥ Q 4 3
 ♦ 5 4
 ♣ A 8 5

17
 6 3
 14

♠ K Q	
♥ K 8 7 5	
♦ A 9	
♣ K Q T 9 2	♠ J 7 6 4
	♥ -
	♦ J T 8 6 3 2
	♣ J 7 4
N	
W	E
S	
A 5	
A J T 9 6 2	
K Q 7	
6 3	

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 6
SOUTH's 3

rebid shows better than average strength and six trumps.

Just what NORTH was hoping for. She bids Blackwood - her plan is to bid 7

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

if SOUTH has three Aces, bid 6

if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

6♥ by North

if he has just one. If South has no Aces NORTH will get a new partner.

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ A T 7 6 3
♣ 9 4

15
4 4
17

♠ K J 9 7 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ Q 5

♣ K Q T

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 5
♥ T 3
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ A 8 7 6 3 2

♠ A Q T 6 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ K J
♣ J 5

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 7
SOUTH indicates an above normal opening with five by her 3NT rebid.

NORTH also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

.

Despite both partners showing extra strength SOUTH merely signs off at 4. Why? Because NORTH's

Control bid of 4

denied first-round control in both and

s. SOUTH realized she was off two Aces.

Deal 8

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 4 2

♥ T 9 3 2

♦ A 6

♣ A 6 5

15

8 5

12

♠ A 7 6 3

♥ A Q 8 4

♦ 9 4

♣ K Q 2

N
W E
S

♠ -

♥ 6 5

♦ K J T 7 3 2

♣ J T 9 7 3

♠ K Q J 8 5

♥ K J 7

♦ Q 8 5

♣ 8 4

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 8

SOUTH has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after NORTH's Jacoby 2NT bid he merely signs off at 4 .

NORTH would have cooperated if SOUTH had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

Deal 9

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J T 9 2
♥ 3
♦ A 8 6 2
♣ T 7 3

12
8 7
13

♠ A 7 6 5

♥ Q J T 7

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ 4

N
W E
S

♠ 3

♥ 9 6 5

♦ J T 9 3

♣ A Q 8 6 2

♠ Q 8 4
♥ A K 8 4 2
♦ 4
♣ K J 9 5

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

4♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 9
NORTH's 4 is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

s and a singleton or void in s.

SOUTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about NORTH's shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand.
So she bids the

game.

Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 3	♦ K J 7 5
♥ A T 2	♥ K 6
♦ A T 7 6 5 3	♦ K Q 9 8
♣ 6 5 4	♣ J 8 3

13	♠ A Q 9 8 6 4
8 4	♥ Q J 7
15	♦ J 2
	♣ K Q

♠ K J 7 5	♦ T 2
♥ K 6	♥ 9 8 5 4 3
♦ K Q 9 8	♦ 4
♣ J 8 3	♣ A T 9 7 2

N	
W	E
S	

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 10
SOUTH bids 3 to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

NORTH's failure to make a Control bid in either s,

s

or

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So SOUTH settles for game.

Deal 11
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ 5
♦ T 8 6 3 2
♣ K Q J 8 5

16
6 4
14

♠ A 9 8 3
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ A K 4
♣ 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ J T 7 6 4
♥ 4 2
♦ Q J 5
♣ T 4 3

♠ K Q
♥ A J T 9 7 6
♦ 9 7
♣ A 9 6

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 11
SOUTH's 3

bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

The next three bids are all Control-showing cue bids.

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

6♥ by South

Deal 12

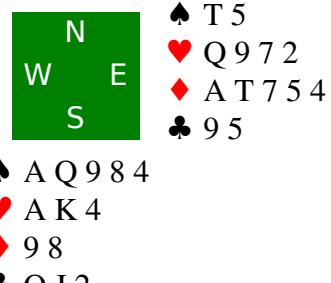
South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 2
♥ T 6 5
♦ J 6 3 2
♣ T 7 6 4

16
2 6
16

♠ K 7 6 3
♥ J 8 3
♦ K Q
♣ A K 8 3



West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	5♥

6 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 12
SOUTH shows extra strength / five trumps.

4 and 4

are Control-showing bids.

NORTH knows they are missing the

A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain SOUTH holds the trump Ace.

Deal 13

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 5 4 2
♥ 7 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ A 7 3

14
7 6
13

♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J T 2
♣ K Q 9 4

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 9 4
♣ J 6 5

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

4 ♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 13
NORTH's 3 bid, a double-jump, is a Splinter bid. It shows game-forcing strength, at

least four cards in partner's suit, and a singleton or void in the Splintered suit.

SOUTH has just 14 points and the shortness in NORTH's hand doesn't improve her hand since

she had just one loser anyway. She signs off in 4

Deal 14

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 5 2
♥ 2
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 8 7 3 2

14
6 7
13

♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J T 2
♣ K Q 9 4

N
W E
S

♠ A T 9 8
♥ T 7 6
♦ Q 7 6 5
♣ J T

♠ 7 6 4
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ K 4
♣ A 6 5

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

6♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 14

This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

SOUTH has 14 points, the same strength she had in Deal 13. But what a difference.

This time NORTH's shortness complements her hand very well. She bids 4

to show her Control, and after NORTH shows the

A she

uses Blackwood to make sure NORTH also has the trump Ace.

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 8 6 4 3

♥ 9 2

♦ K T 9

♣ A 7 4

13
7 7
13

♠ K Q
♥ A K 8
♦ 7 5 4 3
♣ J T 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 2
♥ 5 4 3
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ 9 8 2

♠ A 7 5
♥ Q J T 7 6
♦ J 8
♣ K Q 3

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

4♥ by North

the 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 15
NORTH has 13 points and good 3-card support
for SOUTH's 1

opening bid.

But he should not bid 2NT since that bid promises 4+ cards in support. North must still insure

they reach game, so he bids a forcing 2 .

When SOUTH next says 2NT NORTH can jump to 4

NOTE: if you used Jacoby 2NT and reached

game, give yourself credit anyway.

Deal 16

South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 5 2
♥ Q T 4
♦ A T 8 5
♣ T 6 3

15
6 4
15

♠ K Q J
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 6 2
♣ A J 9 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 8 7 6 4
♥ -
♦ 9 7 4 3
♣ 8 7 4

♠ 3
♥ K J 9 6 5 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q 5

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 16
SOUTH bids 3 to show a strong hand with a singleton .

After NORTH shows her first-round control SOUTH decides he will bid slam if NORTH has three Aces.

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in NORTH, SOUTH stops at 5

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

5♥ by North

Deal 17

South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 8 5 2
♥ T 6
♦ K 4 3 2
♣ A T 7

13
7 8
12

♠ 6
♥ A K 9 7 2
♦ 8 7
♣ K Q 8 6 5

♠ A Q 9
♥ Q J 8 3
♦ Q J 9 6
♣ J 2

N
W E
S

♠ K J 7 4 3
♥ 5 4
♦ A T 5
♣ 9 4 3

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

4♥ by North

just bids 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 17
SOUTH bids 4 after NORTH's Jacoby 2NT.
The reason for this bid is just to describe

her hand as having a side 5-card suit. SOUTH knows the eventual contract will

be some level of

s.

NORTH doesn't have a strong hand, but he would show

control at

this time if he had the Ace. He isn't strong enough to go past game to show the A so he

Deal 18

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 2
♥ T 4 3 2
♦ Q T 9 8 6
♣ K J 2

11
6 6
17

♠ Q J 8 4
♥ K 8 7 5
♦ A J 4
♣ 6 4

	N		♠ T 3
W		♥ A Q 6	
	E	♦ 3 2	
	S	♣ T 9 8 7 5 3	

♠ A K 9 7 6 5
♥ J 9
♦ K 7 5
♣ A Q

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 18

NORTH should not be tempted to use Jacoby 2NT with this hand. There are only 12 points, and

the Limit Raise is a perfect way to show a 12 point support hand.

SOUTH has more than enough strength to bid game after NORTH's limit raise. If NORTH had

mistakenly used a Jacoby 2NT response, SOUTH would probably have tried to reach slam,

and perhaps gotten too high.

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 2
♥ 9 5 4 3 2
♦ J 4
♣ 9 8 6 4

15
5 4
16

♠ J T 8 6 3

♥ K J 7

♦ A K 3

♣ K 5



♠ K Q 9 5 4
♥ A Q 8
♦ Q 9 7
♣ Q J

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

5 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 19

SOUTH bids 3NT to show a good hand with five s.

NORTH shows his

control, and SOUTH then shows her

control.

A final check with Blackwood shows two Aces missing. Too bad.

Deal 20

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ J 7 5 2
♦ K 8 7
♣ J T 9 6 2

15
5 **4**
16

♠ K J 9 6
♥ K Q 9 8
♦ Q 9 4
♣ A 5

N
W E
S

♠ T 3
♥ T 6 4
♦ A T 5 3
♣ 8 7 4 3

♠ A Q 8 7 5 2
♥ A 3
♦ J 6 2
♣ K Q

West	North	East	South	
			1♠	
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠	So they stop in game.
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥	
Pass	4♠	All Pass		

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 20
SOUTH shows his 6-card suit by bidding 3 .

NORTH shows her control and SOUTH shows his

control,

but it seems neither has a control in

Deal 21

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 5 2	♦ A K J 8 4
♥ 8 6 2	♦ A K 9 4 3
♦ J T	♦ A 9 6
♣ K T 9 5 4	♣ 7

15	17
4	4

♠ T 5 2	♦ A K J 8 4	♣ 7
♥ 8 6 2	♦ A K 9 4 3	♦ T
♦ J T	♦ A 9 6	♦ 8 7 5 4 3 2
♣ K T 9 5 4	♣ 7	♣ A 8 6 3 2
	♠ A Q 9 6 3	
	♥ Q J 7 5	
	♦ K Q	
	♣ Q J	

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

6 ♠ by North

It didn't matter, slam is cold in either Major.

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 21
SOUTH might just use Jacoby 2NT since he has great

support and

more than 13 points. But, he has so much more than 13 points that he should inform partner by

making a jump-shift. He plans to return to

s later.

NORTH has different plans. Knowing partner has five and 17 or more points she pushes

straight to the slam.

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Deal 22

South Deals	♠ K 9 7 3
None Vul	♥ A 4 2
	♦ A K 8 2
	♣ K 8
♠ 5 2	♠ T 4
♥ Q 9 7 6	♥ K J T 3
♦ Q J 7 4	♦ T 9 6 5
♣ T 7 4	♣ J 5 2



17	♠ A Q J 8 6
5 5	♥ 8 5
13	♦ 3
	♣ A Q 9 6 3

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

7 ♠ by North

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6 4 3

♥ 8

♦ J 9 6

♣ A J T 7 5 2

13
6 5
16

♠ K Q J
♥ A T 9 3
♦ K 8 7 5 4
♣ 8

N
W E
S

♠ T 8 7 2
♥ 6 5 4
♦ T 3 2
♣ K Q 3

♠ A 9 5
♥ K Q J 7 2
♦ A Q
♣ 9 6 4

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 23
NORTH bids 4 showing

support, 13+ points and a singleton

or void in s.

SOUTH first shows her

A, then, when NORTH signs off,

makes one more try by showing her A.

NORTH finally gets inspired and bids the slam.

Deal 24South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8
 ♥ 9 7 4
 ♦ Q T 9 6 5 3
 ♣ K Q 6

13
 7 5
 15

♠ A J 5 3
 ♥ A 6
 ♦ K J 7 2
 ♣ 8 7 4

	N		♠ T 4
W		♥ T 8 5 3	
	E	♦ 4	
	S		♣ A J T 9 3 2

♠ K Q 9 7 6 2
 ♥ K Q J 2
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ 5

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

6 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 24

NORTH has a very minimum 2NT bid, but when SOUTH shows shortness she can Control-bid

her

A without showing extra values.

SOUTH's hand became huge when he heard about NORTH's

When Blackwood shows they hold three Aces he bids what he expects to be a comfortable slam.