

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 13

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 6 2

♥ 8 5 4

♦ J 8 3

♣ 7 6 4

16

5 1

18

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by North

♠ Q J 4

♥ A K

♦ K 7 6

♣ Q J 10 5 2



♠ K 10 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ A Q 5 4

♣ A K 3

North

1 NT

East

Pass

South

6 NT

♠ 8 7 3

♥ J 10 9 7 2

♦ 10 9 2

♣ 9 8

Deal 2

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 5 2
♥ 6 3 2
♦ 8 4 2
♣ 6 5 2

14
4 1
21

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ K 7 4
♥ Q J 5
♦ K J 10
♣ A 7 4 3



♠ Q J 9
♥ A K 8
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ K Q 8

North

6 NT

East

Pass

South

2 NT

Pass

♠ 8 6 3
♥ 10 9 7 4
♦ 9 7 6
♣ J 10 9

The partner who is first sure what the final contract should be should just go ahead and bid it.

This is called "She who knows, goes."

In this deal, for example, it is NORTH who knows. She has a balanced 14 points, so when SOUTH indicates

20/21 points with his opening 2 NT bid she

KNOWS

the partnership holds about 34/35 points.

Therefore she

GOES

to 6 NT.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 6
 ♥ A Q 4
 ♦ K Q J 10
 ♣ K J 7

7
 20 7
 6

West

2 NT

Pass

3 NT by West

♠ K 9 4 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 7 2

♣ A 10 8 2



♠ Q J 7
 ♥ J 10 8 5 3
 ♦ 5 4
 ♣ Q 4 3

North

Pass

Pass

East

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

WEST has a balanced 20 point hand -
 ideal to open 2 NT.

EAST has 7 points; he knows the
 partnership has either 27 or 28 points so
 he bids 3 NT.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 3
 ♥ Q J 9 5
 ♦ 10 6 5
 ♣ 9 8 6

16
 3 4
 17

West

Pass

6 NT by North

♠ A K 5
 ♥ 10 7 4 3
 ♦ A 9 8 2
 ♣ K Q



♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ A K 8
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ A J 10 7 4

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

6 NT

♠ Q J 8 2
 ♥ 6 2
 ♦ J 7 4 3
 ♣ 5 3 2

This is another example of "She who knows, goes."

SOUTH has a solid 18 points, (1 extra for the fifth Club), so when NORTH opens 1 NT

she

KNOWS

that together they must hold at least 33 points. They may even have 35 points.

In any case they should be in slam, so SOUTH

GOES

to 6 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 3
♥ 10 8 5
♦ A 7 3
♣ Q 9 8 5

6
6 19
9

West

3 NT

3 NT by East

♠ A Q 5 2

♥ 7 4 3

♦ 10 4 2

♣ 6 3 2



♠ 8 7 4

♥ K J 9 6 2

♦ 8 6

♣ A J 7

North

Pass

Pass

♠ K J 9

♥ A Q

♦ K Q J 9 5

♣ K 10 4

East

2 NT

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has 20 points, counting one extra for the fifth Diamond. Just right to open 2 NT.

WEST has 6 points, just enough to bid 3 NT.

(20 + 6 = 26) (21 + 6 = 27)

Deal 6

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 6 4
♥ J 7 5 3
♦ J 6 5
♣ A 9 8

9
6 9
16

♠ Q 10 3
♥ K 10 6
♦ A 9 4
♣ 10 7 5 2



♠ K J 9 2
♥ A 9 8
♦ Q 10 8
♣ K Q J

♠ A 8 5
♥ Q 4 2
♦ K 7 3 2
♣ 6 4 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

After NORTH passes initially, SOUTH opens 1 NT.

With 9 points, NORTH has invitational strength, so he says 2 NT.

SOUTH has a small problem - NORTH's bid tells her to bid 3 NT with 17 points, but to pass

with 15 points. Her problem is that she has 16! Since it looks to her like a "good" 16 points

she bids 3 NT. If those 10's and 9's had been 4's and 3's she would have passed.