

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 5
♥ Q J T 6
♦ Q 9 5
♣ K Q T 6

23
10 6
1

♠ A K 9
♥ A K 2
♦ A 8 3
♣ A J 7 4



♠ 8 7 2
♥ 7 5 4
♦ J 6 4 2
♣ 9 5 3

♠ Q J T 4 3
♥ 9 8 3
♦ K T 7
♣ 8 2

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

2NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 1

NORTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2 .

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

SOUTH is glad to hear his partner has lots of points, because he was shortchanged.

However, he must answer, so with 1 point he bids a negative 2

.

NORTH describes her hand by saying 2NT.

SOUTH does not have to bid the double negative over a 2NT bid, so he passes.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 5
♥ T 9 4
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 6 3

5
6 7
22

♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 8 2
♦ T 9 8 6
♣ 5 4 2



♠ A 8 2
♥ A K 7 5
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q T

♠ Q 6 4
♥ J 6 3
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A 9 8 7

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 2

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 22 points.
He opens 2 .

NORTH, with 5 points, must respond

. Both these

bids are artificial.

SOUTH now describes his hand by bidding 2NT.

NORTH bids 3NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 27 points.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 4
♥ 7 6 4
♦ K J T 3
♣ Q T 9 7

22
6 5
7

♠ K 3
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A Q 9 8
♣ A K 4



♠ Q J T 7 2
♥ A 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 6 5 3

♠ A 9 8 6
♥ T 9 8 3
♦ 6 5
♣ J 8 2

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

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 3

NORTH opens 2 with her balanced 22 points.

SOUTH has 8 points AND a 5-card suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2.

NORTH completes the description of her hand by saying 2NT.

SOUTH does NOT rebid the shis first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3NT.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 5
♥ J 6 4 3
♦ K J 3
♣ 5 3 2

4
5 9
22

♠ A 3
♥ T 9 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ 8 7 6 4



♠ K Q 2
♥ A K Q 7 5
♦ A 7 2
♣ A T

♠ J T 8 6 4
♥ -
♦ Q T 5 4
♣ K Q J 9

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

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 4
SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2 .

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

SOUTH now shows a

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

NORTH likes

s, she has already told SOUTH she has fewer than 8 points, so she

bids 4

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 5 4
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 4 3
♣ T 8 6 4 2

26
3 7
4

♠ A J 8 7
♥ A K
♦ A 8 6
♣ A K Q J



♠ Q 6 2
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ 9 5 3

♠ T 9 3
♥ Q J T 4
♦ K J T 9 7
♣ 7

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 5

NORTH has lots of points - 26 to be exact. She opens 2 .

In the old days this hand would have been opened 3NT.

SOUTH has 4 points and responds 2

.

NORTH now shows her full strength by jumping to 3NT (25-27 points, balanced).

SOUTH knows there is no slam, so he passes 3NT.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 5
♥ T 9
♦ A T 4
♣ J T 9 7 2

1
8 11
20

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 7 5 4

♦ J 7 2

♣ 8 6 5 3



♠ A 7 3

♥ A K Q 8 6 2

♦ 8 6

♣ A K

♠ Q J T 9

♥ J 3

♦ K Q 9 5 3

♣ Q 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♦

Pass

2♣

Pass

3♣

Pass

3♥

All Pass

3♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 6

SOUTH has 22 points and opens 2 .

NORTH is pretty weak, right? She responds 2

SOUTH bids his suit, 2

NORTH is so weak she bids the second negative - 3 .

SOUTH rebids his suit, 3

, and NORTH passes.

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 9 8
♥ 4 3
♦ T 8 6 3
♣ A 6 4 2

7
5 3
25

♠ 4 2
♥ Q J 9 7 5
♦ A 5 2
♣ 7 5 3



♠ A K 6 3
♥ A K 8 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q

♠ Q T 7 5
♥ T 6
♦ 9 7 4
♣ J T 9 8

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

6♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 7
SOUTH has a nice 2 opening hand.

With 8 points, NORTH can make a positive response so he bids his 5-card

suit.

SOUTH likes

s, knows there are at least 33 points, but needs to make

sure the opponents don't have two Aces so she uses Blackwood.

When NORTH shows one Ace SOUTH bids 6

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 8

Deal 8

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7
♥ 8 3
♦ J T 9 5 4 3
♣ T 6 3 2

22
1 5
12

♠ K Q T 2
♥ A Q J T 5
♦ A K 2
♣ K



♠ A J 9 8 3
♥ K 7 2
♦ 6
♣ A 8 7 4

♠ 6 5 4
♥ 9 6 4
♦ Q 8 7
♣ Q J 9 5

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	7♠
Pass			

7 ♠ by South

Deal 9

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ -
♥ 6 4
♦ J T 5 4 3
♣ A J T 7 4 2

7
6 5
22

♠ A J T 7 2

♥ 9 8 7

♦ 8 2

♣ Q 5 3



♠ K Q 8 6

♥ A K J 2

♦ A K Q

♣ 8 6

♠ 9 5 4 3

♥ Q T 5 3

♦ 9 7 6

♣ K 9

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 9
SOUTH has a minimum 2 opening.

NORTH, with 8 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2 .

SOUTH shows the support first, to set the trump suit, and to give NORTH an opportunity

for a move toward slam if he wants to do so.

NORTH would now make a Control-showing bid IF HE HAD A CONTROL. Since he doesn't he just returns

to 4 which SOUTH passes.

Deal 10

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 5 2
♥ J T 6
♦ Q J T 9
♣ Q 6 2

22
6 4
8

♠ A Q 9

♥ A K 2

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 7 4



♠ K 6 3

♥ Q 8 5

♦ K 7 6 4

♣ 9 5 3

♠ J T 8 4

♥ 9 7 4 3

♦ 5 2

♣ K T 8

West

Pass

North

2♣

3NT

East

Pass

All Pass

South

2NT

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 10

NORTH, with 22 points and balanced, opens 2 expecting to rebid 2NT.

But SOUTH responds a positive 2NT, showing a balanced hand with 8 or more points.

NORTH bids what his hand is worth, 3NT and SOUTH passes.

3NT by North

Deal 11

North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 8 3
♥ 9 3
♦ K J 5 4 3
♣ Q 7 2

23
6 6
5

♠ A K 9
♥ A J 8 2
♦ A 6
♣ A K 9 3



♠ Q J 7 2
♥ Q T 7 5
♦ 7 2
♣ 8 5 4

♠ 6 5 4
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q T 9 8
♣ J T 6

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

4♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 11
NORTH opens 2 and SOUTH responds 2

showing fewer than 8 points.

NORTH bids 2NT with a 23 point balanced hand.

SOUTH has enough points to bid 3NT, but with two 4-card Major suits bids 3 Stayman instead. NORTH

won't confuse this as the second negative since that bid isn't used after a 2NT rebid.

So NORTH shows her 4-card

suit and SOUTH bids 4

Deal 12

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J T 8 2
♥ T 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ T 8 6 5

24
3 2
11

♠ A K 9

♥ A K 2

♦ A 8 3

♣ A Q 7 4



♠ Q 6 3

♥ Q 8 5

♦ K 7 6 4

♣ K J 3

♠ 7 5 4

♥ J 9 7 6 4

♦ J T 9

♣ 9 2

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 12

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 11 points, so she responds 2NT to NORTH's 2 opening bid.

NORTH bids 3NT. This shows 22-24 points, a hand he was planning to rebid 2NT.

SOUTH knows the side has at least 33 points, but no more than 35 so she bids 6NT.

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6NT by South

Deal 13

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4 3
♥ J 6
♦ T 6 3
♣ K J T 7 5

20
6 10
4

♠ A K Q 8 6

♥ A K T 8 2

♦ A

♣ 8 6



♠ 7 2

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 7 4 2

♣ Q 9 3

♠ T 9 5

♥ Q 4

♦ K J 9 8 5

♣ A 4 2

West

North

East

South

2♣

Pass

2♦

Pass

2♠

Pass

2NT

Pass

3♥

Pass

4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 13

NORTH has both Majors and enough points to open 2 .

SOUTH, with 4 points, responds with a negative 2

.

NORTH first bids her higher ranking suit, 2 .

SOUTH is too strong for second negative, he bids 2NT.

NORTH now shows her second suit, 3

.

SOUTH is happy to bid the game in

s.

Deal 14

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 4
♥ J 7 3
♦ 9 2
♣ A 9 8 6 5

11
5 1
23

♠ K 7 3
♥ 9 8 2
♦ A Q J 8 6
♣ J 2



♠ A Q 2
♥ A K Q 5
♦ K 7 5
♣ K Q T

♠ J T 9 6
♥ T 6 4
♦ T 4 3
♣ 7 4 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	3NT

6NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 14

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 23 points.
He opens 2 and expects to rebid 2NT.

NORTH has 12 points so makes a positive response in her best suit. Since that suit is

s she must jump to the 3-level.

SOUTH now describes his balanced, minimum hand by bidding 3NT.

NORTH bids 6NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 34 points.

Deal 15

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 5 3
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 9 6 3
♣ 8 6 5 2

25
2 5
8

♠ K 6
♥ A K Q J 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q J



♠ A T 9 7 2
♥ 9 7 5
♦ 8 5 2
♣ A 3

♠ J 8 4
♥ T 4
♦ A T 7 4
♣ T 9 7 4

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

6♥ by North

6NT. She could also have bid 6

but 6NT scores a little more.

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 15
pass

pass

SOUTH, with 9 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2 .

NORTH bids her

s and SOUTH agrees the trump suit with a

4

bid.

NORTH thinks there is a slam, so she invokes Blackwood. Hearing that SOUTH holds two Aces she bids

Deal 16

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ J 9 3
♦ A T 9 4 3
♣ J 7 2

5
6 7
22

♠ J 4 2
♥ 8 7 5 2
♦ J 7 2
♣ K 6 3



♠ 7 6 5
♥ Q T 4
♦ K Q 5
♣ T 9 8 5

♠ A K Q T 3
♥ A K 6
♦ 8 6
♣ A Q 4

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 16
NORTH has 5 points, so she responds 2

to SOUTH's opening 2 bid.

SOUTH bids his 5-card suit.

NORTH is too good for the second negative, so she supports SOUTH's .

SOUTH doesn't have enough to think about slam, so he signs off at 4 .

Deal 17

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 5 4
♥ T 9 6 3
♦ K 5
♣ J 8 7 2

9
4 2
25

♠ K J 7 2

♥ A 7 5

♦ J 4 2

♣ 6 5 3



♠ A Q

♥ K Q J 2

♦ A Q 9 8

♣ A K 4

♠ 9 8 6 3

♥ 8 4

♦ T 7 6 3

♣ Q T 9

West

North

East

South

Pass

2NT

Pass

2♣

6NT

All Pass

6NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 17

SOUTH opens 2 with her balanced 25 points.

NORTH has 9 points but no 5-card suit. He should make a positive response of 2NT.

SOUTH figures NORTH for 8 points and bids 6NT. If NORTH has significantly more than

8 it will be up to him to go to 7NT. But he doesn't.

Deal 18

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 9 4 3
♥ 6 4
♦ J 5 4 3
♣ Q 6 5

24
7 3
6

♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 5

♦ A K 2

♣ A K 2



♠ 7

♥ K Q J 8 3 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ 8 7 4

♠ T 6 5

♥ T 9 7

♦ Q T 7

♣ J T 9 3

West

North

East

South

2♣

Pass

2♥

Pass

2♠

Pass

3♥

Pass

6♥

All Pass

6♥ by North

Deal 19

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ A T 9 7

12
5 1
22

♠ A J T 5
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 7 2
♣ K Q 5 3



♠ K Q 8 7
♥ A K Q 2
♦ A K J 6
♣ 6

♠ 9 6 4 2
♥ T 9 3
♦ T 4
♣ J 8 4 2

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

6 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 19

After SOUTH's 2 opening, NORTH bids 2NT, showing a balanced hand of at least 8 points. NORTH

actually has 12 points, but the time to show the extra strength will be later.

SOUTH's 3 bid is Stayman, asking NORTH for a 4-card Major. NORTH mentions his s and

SOUTH bids 4 showing a minimum 2 opener with 4 s.

Now NORTH adds his 12 points to SOUTH's 22 minimum and gets 34. He bids 6 .

Deal 20

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 4
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A 5 4
♣ Q 9 8 4

3
7 10
20

♠ 2
♥ Q J 5 2
♦ 9 8 7 2
♣ T 7 6 3



♠ A K Q 6 3
♥ A K T 9 6
♦ T 6
♣ A

♠ T 8 7 5
♥ 3
♦ K Q J 3
♣ K J 5 2

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

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 20
NORTH has 3 points, so she responds 2

to SOUTH's opening 2 bid,

then bids 3 as a second-negative when SOUTH bids 2.

However, when SOUTH then bids

s, NORTH finds two more points

and bids 4

.

Deal 21

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 6
♥ T 9 3
♦ J 5 4 3
♣ A 9 8 2

8
5 5
22

♠ K J 2
♥ Q 7 5
♦ Q T 7 2
♣ 7 5 3



♠ Q T 8 5
♥ A K 6
♦ A K 8
♣ K Q J

♠ A 9 4 3
♥ J 8 4 2
♦ 9 6
♣ T 6 4

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 21

SOUTH expected to open 2 then bid 2NT at her second turn.

But NORTH, with 8 points and a balanced hand, responds 2NT, so SOUTH must adapt. She shows

her minimum, balanced, 22-point hand by bidding 3NT.

Since SOUTH has just the 8 points minimum that he promised, he passes 3NT.

Deal 22

South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 4
♥ T 9 7 6 3
♦ A J 5
♣ Q T 2

6
7 4
23

♠ K 9 8 7
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ 7 4



♠ A Q J 2
♥ A K 5
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A 6

♠ 6 5 3
♥ 4
♦ T 4 2
♣ K J 9 8 5 3

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

4♠ by North

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 4 3

♥ T 8 6 3

♦ 4

♣ Q T 9 8

11

5 2

22

♠ K 7 2

♥ A 9 7 5

♦ T 7 2

♣ A 5 3



♠ T 9 6 5

♥ J 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ J 7 6 2

♠ A 8

♥ K Q 4

♦ A K Q J 8 6

♣ K 4

West

North

East

South

2♣

Pass

2NT

Pass

4♣

Pass

4♠

Pass

5♣

Pass

5♥

Pass

7NT

Pass

7NT by South

Deal 24

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q J 5 2
♥ T 9 8 7
♦ 5
♣ 9 6 2

22
7 4
7

♠ 8
♥ A K Q 5
♦ A K 7 2
♣ K Q J 3

♠ K T 6 4
♥ J 4 3
♦ T 4
♣ T 8 7 5

♠ 9 7 3
♥ 6 2
♦ Q J 9 8 6 3
♣ A 4



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

6♦ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 24

When NORTH opens 2 SOUTH has enough strength (9 points) for a positive response. But,

because her suit is

s, she must jump to 3

.

NORTH thinks slam and uses Blackwood to discover that SOUTH holds one Ace.

That's all SOUTH needs to know to bid 6

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