

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A T 9 4
♥ A 5
♦ J 9 4 3
♣ T 7 4

17
9 8
6

♠ J 6
♥ K Q T 8 3 2
♦ A 7
♣ A K 3



♠ K Q 3
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 5

♠ 8 7 5 2
♥ 7
♦ K Q T 5
♣ Q J 8 2

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 1
SOUTH's 2

raise shows 6-10 points and a least three trumps.

NORTH, with 19+ points, decides that game is almost a certainty and bids 4

Deal 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 9 7
♥ A 9 6
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ K 8 4

8
12 15
5

♠ J 6 5 2
♥ Q J 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ T 9 3



♠ K 8 3
♥ 7 4 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ Q 7 5 2

♠ A Q 4
♥ K T 8
♦ J T 9 5
♣ A J 6

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 2
EAST has an ideal 1NT opening -

15 points and balanced distribution.

With 12 points, WEST knows the partnership total is between 27 and 29, enough for game

but not enough to think about slam. Since WEST has no 4-card Major suit she bids 3NT.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 5 2
♥ Q J T
♦ Q 9 6 3
♣ Q 9

14
11 9
6

♠ Q J 6 4

♥ A 9 5

♦ 8 2

♣ A K 6 3



♠ K T 7 3

♥ K 6

♦ T 7 5 4

♣ 8 5 2

♠ 8

♥ 8 7 4 3 2

♦ A K J

♣ J T 7 4

West

Pass

North

1 ♣

2 ♠

East

Pass

All Pass

South

1 ♠

2 ♠ by North

With his minimum response hand SOUTH passes.

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 3

With 6 points, SOUTH must respond to NORTH's 1 opening bid.

While it is often correct to respond by bidding suits "up-the-line", SOUTH should

skip over the weak

suit in favor of showing the 4-card

Major suit.

NORTH knows that SOUTH may only have four s, but with four of her own she can support the

suit. Since she has a minimum opening bid she merely raises to 2 .

Deal 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 6
♥ A K Q 7 2
♦ A 5 3
♣ 6 4

10
16 6
8

♠ A K 8 4 3

♥ J 5 3

♦ J 7 2

♣ J 9



♠ T 9 2

♥ 6

♦ Q T 8 6

♣ A Q T 7 3

♠ 7 5

♥ T 9 8 4

♦ K 9 4

♣ K 8 5 2

West

1 ♥

3 ♥

North

Pass

All Pass

East

2 ♥

South

Pass

3 ♥ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 4

With 17 points WEST is not strong enough to insist on game after EAST's raise,

but is strong enough to invite with a 3

bid.

EAST, however, doesn't have anything extra, so declines to go further.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7
♥ A 7 5 2
♦ T 8 3
♣ T 4 3 2

17
5 9
9

♠ A 8 3 2

♥ K T 9

♦ A J 7

♣ K Q 6



♠ T 9 4

♥ Q J 4

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ J 9 5

♠ K Q 6 5

♥ 8 6 3

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 8 7

West

Pass

North

1NT

3NT

East

Pass

All Pass

South

2NT

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 5

This is a classic Notrump bidding sequence.

NORTH opens 1NT with 17 points and balanced distribution.

SOUTH, with 9 points is not strong enough to bid game, but invites with 2NT.

NORTH has a maximum, so she accepts the invitation.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 8 4
♥ A K 7 2
♦ 6 5
♣ K 9 3

7
14 14
5

♠ 7 5 3
♥ Q T 9 6
♦ K T 9
♣ Q T 4



♠ 9 2
♥ J 8 3
♦ Q J 3 2
♣ J 7 6 5

♠ A Q T 6
♥ 5 4
♦ A 8 7 4
♣ A 8 2

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

4 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 6

With two 4-card Majors WEST should respond
"up-the-line", bidding

s first.

Then, after EAST bids 1 ♠ WEST has enough
points to jump all the way to 4 ♠.

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7
♥ J T 8 5 2
♦ J 4
♣ A 9 8 4 2

11
6 7
16

♠ A 9 6 3

♥ Q 6 4

♦ A 9 6 2

♣ J 7



♠ K Q T 8 4

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 5

♣ Q T 6

♠ J 5 2

♥ K 9 3

♦ T 8 7 3

♣ K 5 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

4 ♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 7

SOUTH has 17 points and might open 1NT.

But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1 .

NORTH has excellent support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3 ,which SOUTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

Deal 8

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6
♥ A J 9
♦ A J 2
♣ A 8 5 2

7
21 5
7

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ 7 5 3

♦ 8 4

♣ K Q 9 6



♠ J T 4 2

♥ K Q 8 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ J 4

♠ 8 7

♥ T 6 4

♦ K Q T 9 6

♣ T 7 3

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 8

WEST has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2 bid.

Since he has balanced distribution he opens 2NT (20-21 points).

EAST adds her 6 points to WEST's minimum and concludes they should be in game. She expects her

good

West
2NT

North
Pass

East
3NT

South
All Pass

suit to be useful to EAST in Notrump so she bids 3NT.

3NT by East

Deal 9

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 8 7
♥ T 5 3
♦ A T 9 4 2
♣ Q 4

8
9 10
13

♠ T 9 5
♥ J 4
♦ Q J 8 3
♣ K J 7 2



♠ J 6 3
♥ A K Q 8 2
♦ K 6
♣ T 9 5

♠ A Q 4 2
♥ 9 7 6
♦ 7 5
♣ A 8 6 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	All Pass	1♥

1NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 9
SOUTH has a solid 1

opening, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH must respond with 8 points, but cannot bid either minor suit since he needs at least

11 points to bid a new suit at the 2-level. So he bids 1NT (6-10 points).

SOUTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 9 6 2
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ 8 3
♣ T 7 4

12
6 13
9

♠ A 5 4
♥ J T 9
♦ A Q 4 2
♣ J 5 2



♠ 8
♥ 8 6 3
♦ K J T 6
♣ K Q 9 8 3

♠ K Q T 7 3
♥ A 4 2
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A 6

West

2 ♠

2 ♠ by West

North

All Pass

East

1 ♠

South

Pass

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 10

EAST has a normal 1 opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

WEST has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2 ,

passed by EAST.

WEST does not consider showing the

s,

first because she knows there is a fit, and second because she doesn't have

the 11 points needed to bid a new suit at the 2-level.

Deal 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 2
♥ T 8 5 3
♦ 8 3 2
♣ 9 7 3

18
2 5
15

♠ K J 4
♥ K Q 9 2
♦ A Q 5
♣ K T 8



♠ A 8 3
♥ A 7
♦ K J 9 6 4
♣ Q J 5

♠ T 7 6 5
♥ J 6 4
♦ T 7
♣ A 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	6NT	All Pass	1NT

6NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 11.

With balanced distribution and 16 points
SOUTH should open 1NT rather than 1

NORTH's response is based on simple math.
He adds his 18 points to the 15 minimum that
SOUTH has announced and

comes up with 33 points combined. This is
enough for a small slam, and since he has
balanced distribution

he bids 6NT.

Deal 12

East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 4
♥ Q T 6
♦ 8 5 3 2
♣ Q 9 8 5

8
7 20
5

♠ A 8 2
♥ K J 5 4 3 2
♦ 7 4
♣ T 3



♠ 7 5 3
♥ 9 8
♦ K J T 9
♣ J 6 4 2

♠ Q J T 9 6
♥ A 7
♦ A Q 6
♣ A K 7

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

3NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 12

EAST is right at the maximum for a 1 opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2 .

WEST does not have 3-card support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1NT (6-10 points).

EAST is fine with Notrump so he bids 3NT.

Deal 13

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 5
♥ T 7 6
♦ 5 3 2
♣ Q J T 8 7 5

12
3 7
18

♠ Q J T 8 3
♥ A J 4
♦ A T
♣ 9 6 2



♠ A K 9 6 4
♥ K Q 5
♦ K Q J 7
♣ 3

♠ 7 2
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ A K 4

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

6 ♠ by South

would show one Ace, etc).

SOUTH has heard enough and bids 6 .

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 13

NORTH has a minimum 1 opening bid - 13 points and five trumps. She doesn't even suspect

what's about to befall!

SOUTH hears the 1 bid and all he wants to know is whether NORTH has one, two or three Aces.

So he uses the Blackwood convention, 4NT.

NORTH has two Aces so she bids 5

(5 would show zero Aces,

5

Deal 14

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ Q 5
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ 7 6 5 3

9
9 15
7

♠ K Q T 8 3
♥ J 9 3
♦ J 9
♣ Q 8 4



♠ J 9 5
♥ T 4
♦ Q 8 5 2
♣ K J T 2

♠ 6 2
♥ A K 8 7 6 2
♦ A T 3
♣ A 9

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

4♥ by South

since two trumps is now adequate support.

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 14.

EAST has an above-minimum strength hand with a good 6-card suit. He opens 1

WEST, with 9 points, is a little too weak to bid at the 2-level so she bids a catchall 1NT.

EAST shows his 6-card suit and extra strength by jumping to 3

, which

WEST raises to 4

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 9 5 2
♥ J 2
♦ A Q 4
♣ T 9 5 3

8
11 7
14

♠ J T 8 3
♥ A Q 7 4
♦ J 5 3
♣ 7 6



♠ K Q 7 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A K Q 2

♠ 6
♥ K T 9 6 5
♦ K T 9 8
♣ J 8 4

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

2 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 15

SOUTH has 14 points and opens her 4-card suit.

NORTH must respond, and with two 4-card Majors bids them "up-the-line", saying 1

.

SOUTH now shows his 4-card suit, and NORTH again must bid. Since NORTH is pretty weak he just

raises to 2 which SOUTH happily passes.

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 7
♥ K Q J 3
♦ A T 6
♣ Q T 8

5
17 15
3

♠ J 6 5
♥ 8 6 5 4 2
♦ 5 4
♣ A 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ T 8 3 2
♥ T 9
♦ Q J 9 7 2
♣ 7 5

♠ A 9 4
♥ A 7
♦ K 8 3
♣ K J 9 6 2

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

6NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 16

WEST has a maximum 17 point 1NT bid.

EAST, with 16 points, can't tell if there are enough points for slam. If WEST has

17 points then a slam should be makeable, but if WEST has only 15 points then he

should settle for game.

The 4NT raise solves the problem. It tells WEST to bid 6NT with 17 points, pass

with 15 points, and use best judgment with 16. Here WEST bids the slam.

Deal 17

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J T 5
♥ K T 7 6
♦ Q J 3
♣ T 4 3

12
7 10
11

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ J 5 3

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 2



♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ A K 5

♣ J 7 6

♠ 4

♥ A Q 9

♦ T 9 8 6 2

♣ A 9 8 5

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

3 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 17

SOUTH has just 11 points, not enough to open the bidding.

But when NORTH opens 1 SOUTH should show her "almost opening strength"

by jumping to 3 .

NORTH has just 13 points, and knowing SOUTH has less than 13 he passes.

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 3
♥ Q 8 6 4 2
♦ A 8 6
♣ K 9 5

10
9 14
7

♠ A K Q J 9 6 4

♥ -

♦ 3 2

♣ T 8 4 2



♠ 5

♥ J T 9

♦ J T 9 7 4

♣ A J 7 3

♠ T 8 2
♥ A K 7 5 3
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q 6

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 18
After EAST opens with 1

, WEST has a small "dilemma".

With 11 points she really is only strong enough
to make a jump raise to 3

.

West

North

East

South

But, with five trumps the hand deserves more.
So she just bids 4

4 ♥

All Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by West

instead.

Usually, no matter what your strength, when you have five cards in the Major suit that your
partner opens

with you should just jump right to game.

Deal 19

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 6 4
♥ Q T 8 3
♦ T 4 2
♣ 7 5

19
6 8
7

♠ Q J 7 5
♥ A
♦ A K Q 3
♣ K T 6 2



♠ K T 8 3
♥ J 7 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ Q J 3

♠ 2
♥ K 9 6 5 4
♦ J 7 5
♣ A 9 8 4

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

4 ♠ by North

She bids 4 .

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 19

NORTH has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit. With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1

.

SOUTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. His first priority is to show a Major suit

so he responds 1 .

NORTH now knows that ♠ will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 7 4
♥ K Q 2
♦ A J 6
♣ 9 3

7
16 9
8

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A T 6 3
♦ K 8 3 2
♣ 8 7



♠ A
♥ J 9 8
♦ T 9 5 4
♣ Q J T 5 2

♠ T 9 6 3
♥ 7 5 4
♦ Q 7
♣ A K 6 4

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

4 ♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 20

NOTE: There is a better way to bid this hand using special conventions.

WEST has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1 rather than 1NT.

EAST isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2 .

WEST has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3 .

EAST has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4 .

Deal 21

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 2
♥ T 8 3
♦ 8 6 5 4 2
♣ A 7

20
4 4
12

♠ K J 3
♥ K Q 5
♦ A Q J
♣ K J 4 2



♠ Q T 8
♥ A J 6
♦ K T 9 3
♣ Q T 5

♠ A 7 5 4
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ 7
♣ 9 8 6 3

West	North	East	South
	2NT	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

4NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 21

NORTH has a perfect 2NT opening hand, 20 points and 3-3-3-4 distribution.

SOUTH, with 12 points of his own, knows the partnership is borderline strong enough for slam.

Since he is happy with Notrump, he invites NORTH to bid slam by responding 4NT.

With one more point NORTH might bid the slam, but here she just passes.

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J T 4
♥ A J 6
♦ K 5 3
♣ T 8 7 2

9
9 15
7

♠ K Q 3 2

♥ 9 7 4 3

♦ 4 2

♣ A 6 5



♠ A 8 7

♥ T 8 5

♦ Q J T 9 6

♣ 9 4

♠ 9 6 5

♥ K Q 2

♦ A 8 7

♣ K Q J 3

West

North

East

South

2NT

All Pass

1NT

Pass

2NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 22

EAST opens 1NT with 15 points and a balanced hand.

WEST, with 9 points, cannot bid game herself, but she can invite EAST to bid game if he

has the maximum 17 point opener. So she responds 2NT.

EAST doesn't have maximum, he has minimum, so he passes.

Deal 23

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 4
♥ J T 7 3
♦ 9 8 5
♣ 9 8 3

18
5 8
9

♠ Q T 8 2
♥ A K
♦ 7 6 4
♣ A K Q 5



♠ J 9 7 5
♥ 6 4 2
♦ A K J
♣ 7 4 2

♠ K 3
♥ Q 9 8 5
♦ Q T 3 2
♣ J T 6

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 23

NORTH is 1 point too strong to open 1NT, so opens 1 .

SOUTH responds in his 4-card Major suit, 1 .

NORTH now shows her 4-card support plus her extra strength by jumping to 3 and SOUTH bids the game.

Deal 24

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q J 9 3
♣ A K 2

6
21 7
6

♠ 9 7
♥ 9 6 5 4 3
♦ A 4 2
♣ Q 4 3



♠ A T 8 6 2
♥ J T
♦ 8 7
♣ J T 7 6

♠ 5 4 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ K T 6 5
♣ 9 8 5

West	North	East	South
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 24

WEST has a classic 2NT opening bid, 21 points and balanced distribution.

EAST knows that her 7 points will be plenty for game, but not enough to consider

slam so she just bids 3NT.