

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 8 5 4 3
♥ Q T 9 4 2
♦ J
♣ T 7

13
3 11
13

♠ A K J 7
♥ 8 7
♦ 9 7 6
♣ K Q 5 4



♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ A K 5 3
♦ 8 4
♣ A 6 2

♠ -
♥ J 6
♦ A K Q T 5 3 2
♣ J 9 8 3

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 1

SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

first, (up-the-line).

But EAST's overcall gave SOUTH the opportunity to bid both Majors at the same time! Since the

Negative Double promises both Majors it was like SOUTH could bid 1

NORTH has sso she bids 1 ,showing a minimum opener.

SOUTH has 13 points and the fit so he bids game.

Deal 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 6 2
♥ A T 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ Q 8 2

4
13 14
9

♠ J T 8 4
♥ Q 6 4
♦ J T
♣ 9 7 6 5



♠ 5 3
♥ K 5 2
♦ Q 8 5 4 3 2
♣ A 3

♠ Q 9 7
♥ J 8 7
♦ A K 6
♣ K J T 4

West	North	East	South
		1 ♣	1 ♦
Dbl	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT by West

stopper he bids 1NT.

WEST happily bids 3NT.

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 2

WEST has 13 points and four cards in both

s and Rather

than bid one of them she makes a Negative Double, promising four cards in EACH of them. It's like

she was able to bid 1

.

EAST doesn't have four cards in either Major, but with a

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 3
♥ Q T 9 6 4 3 2
♦ Q 3
♣ J 7

13
5 9
13

♠ A K J 7
♥ 8 7
♦ 9 7 6
♣ K Q 5 4



♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ A K 5
♦ 8 4
♣ A 6 3 2

♠ 8 5 4
♥ J
♦ A K J T 5 2
♣ T 9 8

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♦	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 3
SOUTH cannot respond with a Negative Double on this hand because he has only three

s.

Instead he just bids his 4-card Major, 1 .

NORTH shows 4-card support with a minimum opener by bidding 2 and SOUTH

has enough strength to bid game.

Deal 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A T 5 3 2
♥ A J T
♦ 9 8 7
♣ A 8

12
13 15
0

♠ Q J 8
♥ K Q 7 5 4 3
♦ Q J
♣ J 3



♠ 7 6 4
♥ 9
♦ T 5 4 2
♣ T 9 6 4 2

♠ K 9
♥ 8 6 2
♦ A K 6 3
♣ K Q 7 5

West

1 ♠

2NT

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

Dbl

3NT

South

Pass

All Pass

3NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 4

EAST has 15 points, and when North overcalls 2

in front

of her she has a perfect Negative Double - showing both of the Minor suits.

WEST doesn't like the Minor suits, but he has stoppers in

s, so

he bids 2NT.

EAST is more than happy to raise to 3NT.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 2
♥ 8 5
♦ Q J T 9 5 3 2
♣ 9 7

19
3 11
7

♠ 9
♥ K Q J 7
♦ A K 6
♣ A Q T 5 4



♠ T 8 6
♥ A 9 6 4 2
♦ 8 4
♣ K 6 2

♠ A K Q J 5 4 3
♥ T 3
♦ 7
♣ J 8 3

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 5
SOUTH would have responded 1

if EAST had not overcalled.

But with only 8 points he cannot bid at the 2-level. The Negative Double solves his problem,

giving this information to partner.

NORTH has good

s and enough points to bid game.

Notice that if EAST had remained silent, SOUTH would have responded 1

,

and NORTH would have jumped to game.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 6 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ Q 9 8 2

7
9 14
10

♠ J 8 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ Q T 4

♣ A 7 5 3



♠ Q 5

♥ A Q J T 6 4

♦ J 8 5 3

♣ 6

♠ T 9 7

♥ K 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J T 4

West

North

East

South

Dbl

2 ♣

Pass

All Pass

1 ♣

1NT

1 ♥

Pass

2 ♣ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 6

WEST has four ♠ so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

EAST knows there is no 8-card fit in ♠ but he does have

♠

stopped. He bids 1NT.

WEST has 9 points and with four ♠ she goes back to that suit and EAST passes.

Deal 7

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J T 5 4
♥ A 2
♦ J 8 4 3
♣ 8 5 3

14
6 11
9

♠ Q 9 7
♥ J 8 7
♦ A K 6
♣ K J T 4



♠ A K 6 3 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ Q 9 2

♠ 8
♥ K Q T 6 5 4
♦ Q T 5
♣ A 7 6

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 7
Compare this hand with Deal 6.

SOUTH has five this time so she bids 1 .

NORTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in so he bids 2 .

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

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

2 ♠ by North

Deal 8

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 5 2
♥ A Q T 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A J 2

8
15 11
6

♠ K Q J 8 6 4

♥ J 6

♦ J 5 3

♣ 7 6



♠ T 3

♥ 5 2

♦ A T 8 4 2

♣ Q 8 5 3

♠ 9 7

♥ K 8 7 4

♦ K Q 6

♣ K T 9 4

West

1 ♥

4 ♥

4 ♥ by West

North

1 ♠

All Pass

East

2 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 8

EAST has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2 .

WEST adds her 16 to the 11 that EAST has promised as a minimum and goes straight

to 4

If EAST had significantly more than 11 he could bid on, but in this case he should happily pass.

Deal 9

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q T 3
♥ J 5 2
♦ A K J 4 3
♣ 8 7

12
11 11
6

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A Q T 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A Q 2



♠ 9 7
♥ K 8 7 4
♦ T 8 6
♣ K T 9 4

♠ A K J 6 4
♥ 6
♦ Q 5 2
♣ J 6 5 3

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

3 ♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 9
Compare this with Deal 8.

SOUTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

raise if there had been no overcall.

But when EAST puts in the bid, SOUTH can jump to 3

as a preemptive

measure. He knows NORTH won't think he has strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

NORTH does know it and passes 3

Deal 10

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ A K 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A 8 2

12
13 11
4

♠ 4
♥ Q J
♦ A K Q 5 4 2
♣ 9 7 6 3



♠ J T 5
♥ T 8 7 5 2
♦ J T 8
♣ Q 5

♠ A K 9 7 3
♥ 6 4
♦ 6 3
♣ K J T 4

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

4 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 10

WEST has the strength for a raise to game in
but this could be dangerous since EAST

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead,
WEST shows her strength with a Support
Cue-bid.

EAST in fact had a pretty good overcall so he
jumps to 3 and WEST bids the game.

With a weak overcall EAST would have just
returned to 2 which WEST would pass.

Deal 11

East Deals
None Vul

♠ J T 5
♥ T 7 2
♦ T 6 5 4
♣ J T 5

13
2 16
9

♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ A K 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A 8 2



♠ A K 9 7 3
♥ 6 5 4
♦ Q 3
♣ 7 6 3

♠ 4
♥ Q J 8
♦ A K J 8 2
♣ K Q 9 4

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
All Pass			

2 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 11
Compare this to Deal 10.

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠ but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has very minimal overcall so he just bids 2 ♠ which NORTH passes.

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8
♥ A K T 8 7
♦ K Q J 4
♣ A K 6

8
20 11
1

♠ A K J T 9 3

♥ 4 2

♦ 9 6

♣ T 7 3



♠ 6 4 2

♥ 6 5

♦ 7 5 3

♣ J 9 5 4 2

♠ Q 7 5
♥ Q J 9 3
♦ A T 8 2
♣ Q 8

West

1 ♥

4NT

6 ♥

North

1 ♠

Pass

All Pass

East

2 ♠

5 ♦

South

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 12
WEST has a maximum 1

opening bid.

EAST would have made a Limit Raise in

s, but after NORTH's overcall she

makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

WEST thinks there may be a slam and bids
4NT Blackwood to check for Aces. When
EAST admits to one Ace

WEST bids the slam.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8
♥ 9 8 4
♦ K T 5 3 2
♣ K 6 5

14
6 11
9

♠ K Q J 7

♥ T 7

♦ A 9 7 6

♣ A T 4



♠ 6 2

♥ A Q J 3

♦ J 8 4

♣ J 9 8 2

♠ A 9 5 4 3

♥ K 6 5 2

♦ Q

♣ Q 7 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

1♦

1NT

1♠

All Pass

Dbl

1NT by North

SOUTH should pass.

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 13
SOUTH has 9 points a a

suit - good enough to make a

Negative Double over EAST's 1 overcall.

But NORTH doesn't have

s, she has and

s, so she bids 1NT to show

her stopper and a minimum opener.

Deal 14

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 7
♥ J 8 7
♦ A K 8 6
♣ K T 4

13
13 7
7

♠ J T
♥ A K 6 4 2
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q J 7



♠ 8 5 3
♥ Q T 5
♦ J 4 3
♣ A 6 5 3

♠ A K 6 4 2
♥ 9 3
♦ T 9 7
♣ 9 8 2

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

2 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 14

With five EAST bids the suit rather than making a negative double.

WEST knows this shows a 5-card suit so he can support with only three s.

EAST doesn't have anything extra so she passes 2 .

Deal 15

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ Q 3
♥ T 6 2
♦ A J
♣ K Q J T 8 3

13
13 1
13

♠ K 9 6 2
♥ A Q 5 3
♦ 8 4
♣ A 6 2



♠ A J 7
♥ K 9 8 7
♦ K Q 7 6
♣ 5 4

♠ T 8 5 4
♥ J 4
♦ T 9 5 3 2
♣ 9 7

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
2 ♣	Dbl	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	All Pass	

4 ♥ by North

extra strength. She is not really bidding

s on her own, she is supporting partner's suit.

NORTH has 13 points so he bids 4

.

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 15

NORTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

first, (up-the-line).

After WEST's overcall, NORTH makes a Negative Double, showing both Majors and at least 10 points to

make a 2-level Negative Double.

SOUTH bids 2

, showing a 4-card suit and minimum opening hand. Notice

that this is not a Reverse by SOUTH, showing

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 7 5
♥ 8 7
♦ A Q 8 6
♣ K J T

13
13 8
6

♠ 6 4
♥ K Q J T 4
♦ K 4 3
♣ A 9 7



♠ T 9 3
♥ A 5 2
♦ 9 7 5 2
♣ Q 4 2

♠ A K 8 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ J T
♣ 8 6 5 3

West
1 ♦
2 ♠

North
1 ♥
All Pass

East
Dbl

South
2 ♥

2 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 16

EAST has 8 points and she makes a Negative Double of the

overcall

to show exactly four s.

WEST also has four so he bids 2 at his turn to show a minimum.

EAST is happy to pass.

Deal 17

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
♥ 9 3 2
♦ J T 7 6 4
♣ A T 8 7

12
5 9
14

♠ T 2
♥ K Q J 7 6
♦ A Q 5
♣ 9 6 3



♠ J 8 5
♥ A T 8 4
♦ K 9
♣ K Q J 2

♠ A K Q 9 7 4 3
♥ 5
♦ 8 3 2
♣ 5 4

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

4 ♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 17
SOUTH's Support Cue-bid shows at least Limit
Raise strength and

support.

NORTH has a minimum opening bid and can
only return to 3

SOUTH actually has better than the 12 points
he promised, so he now bids 4

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 6 2
♥ 6 3
♦ K Q 9 7
♣ A Q 8 2

9
11 12
8

♠ K 4
♥ Q 9 4 2
♦ A T 8 2
♣ 7 6 5



♠ A Q J T 5 3
♥ T 5
♦ J 6 5
♣ 9 3

♠ 9 7
♥ A K J 8 7
♦ 4 3
♣ K J T 4

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

3 ♣ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 18

WEST has a 11 points with both Minors and she doesn't want to sell out to SOUTH's 2 .

So she makes a Negative Double, effectively bidding both minors at once.

EAST has four so he bids the suit at the minimum level and WEST passes.

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ -
♥ J 9 8 4
♦ Q J 9 7 5 3
♣ A K 4

10
11 0
19

♠ K T 9 3
♥ 6 5
♦ A 4
♣ Q J 6 5 2



♠ A Q J 7 5 2
♥ A K Q 7
♦ K 2
♣ 8

♠ 8 6 4
♥ T 3 2
♦ T 8 6
♣ T 9 7 3

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

6 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 19
NORTH makes a Support Cue-bid of 2

to show his Limit Raise in ♠.

SOUTH thinks slam and bids Blackwood to make sure they aren't off two Aces.

NORTH says he has one so SOUTH bids the slam.

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 5 3
♥ K Q 8 7
♦ J 3
♣ A K 5 4

6
13 13
8

♠ A Q 7 6 4 2

♥ 5

♦ 8 7 6 4

♣ T 3



♠ K J T

♥ T 6 4 2

♦ A T 9

♣ 9 7 6

♠ 8

♥ A J 9 3

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ Q J 8 2

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 20
EAST can't bid 3

because that would show a 5-card suit.

Instead she makes a Negative Double.

WEST has four

s and he now bids them.

EAST has 13 points so she bids 4

West

1 ♣

3 ♥

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

Dbl

4 ♥

South

Pass

All Pass

4 ♥ by East

Deal 21

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 4 2
♥ T 5 3
♦ J T 3 2
♣ 8 7 5

13
1 15
11

♠ Q J 8 3
♥ 8 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ K Q J 4



♠ K T 6 5
♥ J 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ A 6 3 2

♠ A 7
♥ A K Q 9 6 4
♦ Q 9 8
♣ T 9

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 21

SOUTH makes a Negative Double rather than responding 1 to indicate he has just a 4-card suit.

NORTH has four so she bids 1 showing a minimum opener.

With 11 points SOUTH makes an invitational bid of 3 but NORTH declines the invitation by passing.

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♥	Dbl
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
All Pass			

3 ♠ by South

Deal 22

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ 8 6
♣ A K J 6 4

8
12 12
8

♠ K J T 4 3

♥ T 4

♦ K J T 5

♣ 5 3



♠ Q 8 6

♥ 9 7 5

♦ A Q 9 3

♣ T 9 7

♠ A 5

♥ K Q J 8 2

♦ 7 4 2

♣ Q 8 2

West

1 ♣

3 ♥

North

1 ♠

Pass

East

2 ♥

4 ♥

South

Pass

All Pass

4 ♥ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 22
EAST has 13 points and a 5-card

suit so she should not use a Negative

Double. Instead she just bids 2

.

Knowing EAST has five

s WEST can support with just three.

EAST bids the

game.

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 8 4 3
♥ -
♦ Q 8 7
♣ K Q J T 9 7

11
12 3
14

♠ Q J 5
♥ K T 5 3
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 6 4



♠ K 9
♥ A Q J 9 6
♦ T 5 4
♣ A 8 3

♠ T 7 6 2
♥ 8 7 4 2
♦ K 9 3
♣ 5 2

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

4♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 23

NORTH has a Limit Raise hand but after WEST's overcall a 3

bid

by NORTH would be preemptive, not inviting.
Instead he makes a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has just enough that she can bid 4

, knowing that if NORTH has

a real block-buster he will bid on.

NORTH doesn't have a real block-buster.

Deal 24

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 3
♥ J 4
♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ T 9 6

4
8 18
10

♠ 6
♥ T 8 7 2
♦ J 7 5
♣ K 5 4 3 2



♠ K 9 8 7 4 2
♥ 9 5
♦ K Q 3
♣ Q 8

♠ T 5
♥ A K Q 6 3
♦ A T 8
♣ A J 7

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

3NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 24

WEST has 9 points and a stopper in so she responds 1NT.

EAST has 19 points with a balanced hand so he bids 3NT.