

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 7 4 3
♥ -
♦ K 6 5 3 2
♣ Q 5 3

♠ K 5
♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3
♦ A 4
♣ A 4

N
W E
S

♠ A J T 6 2
♥ A 6 2
♦ Q J
♣ T 8 7

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

6♥ by North

Baker 2 over 1 13

South opens 1♠. North has a powerhouse, plenty strong enough to jump-shift. But playing 2/1 it's usually simpler when you make the 2/1 response, and save your jumping for later - if at all. So North bids just 2♥, knowing South must keep the bidding open.

South knows North has at least 5 ♥s, so his first priority is to agree on the trump suit. He bids 3♥.

North now makes the slam try. She knows South has at least three trumps, and all she wants to find out is how many Aces/Kings South holds. So she bids Blackwood and South confesses to two Aces.

Still hoping for the Grand, North bids 5NT. Oops, South doesn't have any kings so North settles for a small slam.

This is a good slam, cold if East makes any opening lead other than a ♣. With a ♣ lead, North will have to pull trumps and play to discard a loser on the ♠T.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 2
♥ K T
♦ K Q 8 6 5
♣ Q 8 7

♠ T 9 6 4 3

♥ 9 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ A 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 8 7 5
♥ 8 6
♦ A T 9
♣ T 5 3 2

West North East South

2♦
4♥

1♥

Pass
2♥

Pass
All Pass

♠ A
♥ A Q J 7 5 3
♦ 7 4 2
♣ K J 4

Baker 2 over 1 14
East opens 1♥ and West responds 2♦.

East has a good-looking hand, but needs to find a trump suit before she starts showing her extra strength, so she bids just 2♥.

Knowing that East holds 6 ♥s, West can support with the honor doubleton so he agrees the trump suit with a Fast Arrival bid of 4♥.

East has some extra strength, but not enough to push on after West's weak bid. Notice that if East DID try a 4♠ Control bid West would just bid 5♥ and the pair might be one trick too high.

4♥ by West

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 5

♥ A 9

♦ T 9 8

♣ J T 9 6 2

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ T 4

♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7



♠ T 7 4 3

♥ 8 6 2

♦ A Q J 7

♣ A 3

♠ J

♥ K Q J 7 5 3

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 5 4

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

2♥ by South

Baker 2 over 1 15

North opens 1♠. South has 11 points, enough to respond 2♥ in standard bidding, but not when using 2/1. So she bids 1NT.

North would love to pass 1NT but is not permitted to do so. He has no good bid, so he must bid a 3-card suit. When holding two 3-card minors, usually bid ♣s. South now shows the ♥ suit that she could not bid first round.

North was forced to reply to 1NT, but he is not forced to bid again. With his minimum hand and a tolerance for partner's suit he just passes and the partnership ends up in a reasonable contract.

This hand demonstrates one of the benefits of Forcing 1NT. In standard bidding South's first response would be 2♥, and North would have to bid again, probably 2NT. The partnership might go even higher but in any case would probably not reach a good contract.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K
♥ K 7 5 3
♦ A T 3 2
♣ J 9 5 4

♠ T 7 5 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ K J 6

♣ T 3 2

N
W
E
S

♠ A Q 8 6 2
♥ A 4
♦ 9 5
♣ A K 8 7

♠ J 9
♥ J T 9 8 6
♦ Q 8 7 4
♣ Q 6

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

3 NT by East

Baker 2 over 1 16

East opens 1♠. West has 11 points, enough to respond 2♣, (or 2♦), in standard bidding, but not when using 2/1. So she bids 1NT.

East is forced to bid again, but unlike the previous hand, here he wants to keep bidding. He bids 2♣. West knows East doesn't have ♥s, so she shows her above-minimum hand by bidding 2NT.

East is happy to play Notrump. He assumes West must have something useful in ♦s and bids 3NT.

3NT seems to be a good contract. There are 8 top tricks and possibilities for a ninth winner in either ♠s, ♦s, or, (the best chance), ♣s.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q T 4
♥ K 9 8 4
♦ J 8
♣ Q 8 7

♠ 8 6 2
♥ A Q J 7 5 3
♦ 9 5
♣ A 2

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

♠ K 9 5
♥ T 6
♦ K T 3 2
♣ J T 5 4

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

2♥ by North

Baker 2 over 1¹⁷. North opens 1♥. South responds 1NT, just as in standard bidding. The difference is that in this case the 1NT response is forcing on North.

North has an easy second bid, he rebids his 6-card suit. South has nothing to say over 2♥ except pass.

Notice that this is the same bidding and same final contract that would have been reached with standard bidding. Using 2/1 is often like that.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 2

♥ 8 7 4

♦ A Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 2

♠ 8 7

♥ A 5

♦ 4

♣ K J 9 7 6 5 4 3

N
W
E
S

♠ A Q T 9 5

♥ T 9 6

♦ K T 8 6

♣ A

♠ 6 4 3

♥ K Q J 3 2

♦ J 3 2

♣ T 8

Baker 2 over 1 18

East opens 1 ♠. West responds 2 ♦, a 2/1 force to game.

East cannot rebid her ♠s, but has decent support for partner's ♦s. So she bids 3 ♦.

West always intended to play a ♠ contract. He now bids 4 ♠, using Fast Arrival to indicate he has no slam aspirations.

4 ♠ is cold, and if the defenders don't take their ♥ tricks immediately East will make an overtrick.

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

4 ♠ All Pass

4 ♠ by West

Board 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 8 7 4 3

♥ -

♦ K 6 5 3 2

♣ Q 5 3

♠ K 5

♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3

♦ A 4

♣ A 4



♠ 9

♥ J T 7

♦ T 9 8 7

♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ A J T 6 2

♥ A 6 2

♦ Q J

♣ T 8 7

Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 2

♥ K T

♦ K Q 8 6 5

♣ Q 8 7

♠ T 9 6 4 3

♥ 9 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ A 9 6



♠ A

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ K J 4

♠ K 8 7 5

♥ 8 6

♦ A T 9

♣ T 5 3 2

Board 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 5

♥ A 9

♦ T 9 8

♣ J T 9 6 2

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ T 4

♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7



♠ T 7 4 3

♥ 8 6 2

♦ A Q J 7

♣ A 3

♠ J

♥ K Q J 7 5 3

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 5 4

Board 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ A T 3 2

♣ J 9 5 4

♠ T 7 5 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ K J 6

♣ T 3 2



♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ A 4

♦ 9 5

♣ A K 8 7

♠ J 9

♥ J T 9 8 6

♦ Q 8 7 4

♣ Q 6

Board 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q T 4

♥ K 9 8 4

♦ J 8

♣ Q 8 7

♠ 8 6 2

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 9 5

♣ A 2



♠ J 7 3

♥ 2

♦ A Q 7 6 4

♣ K 9 6 3

♠ K 9 5

♥ T 6

♦ K T 3 2

♣ J T 5 4

Board 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 2

♥ 8 7 4

♦ A Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 2

♠ 8 7

♥ A 5

♦ 4

♣ K J 9 7 6 5 4 3



♠ A Q T 9 5

♥ T 9 6

♦ K T 8 6

♣ A

♠ 6 4 3

♥ K Q J 3 2

♦ J 3 2

♣ T 8

Board 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 5

♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3

♦ A 4

♣ A 4

♠ Q 8 7 4 3

♥ -

♦ K 6 5 3 2

♣ Q 5 3



♠ 9

♥ J T 7

♦ T 9 8 7

♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ A J T 6 2

♥ A 6 2

♦ Q J

♣ T 8 7

Board 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 2

♥ K T

♦ K Q 8 6 5

♣ Q 8 7

♠ T 9 6 4 3

♥ 9 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ A 9 6



♠ A

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ K J 4

♠ K 8 7 5

♥ 8 6

♦ A T 9

♣ T 5 3 2

Board 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 9 5

♥ A 9

♦ T 9 8

♣ J T 9 6 2

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ T 4

♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7

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

Board 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 7 5 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ K J 6

♣ T 3 2

♠ K

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ A T 3 2

♣ J 9 5 4



♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ A 4

♦ 9 5

♣ A K 8 7

♠ J 9

♥ J T 9 8 6

♦ Q 8 7 4

♣ Q 6

Board 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q T 4

♥ K 9 8 4

♦ J 8

♣ Q 8 7

♠ 8 6 2

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 9 5

♣ A 2



♠ J 7 3

♥ 2

♦ A Q 7 6 4

♣ K 9 6 3

♠ K 9 5

♥ T 6

♦ K T 3 2

♣ J T 5 4

Board 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 2

♥ 8 7 4

♦ A Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 2

♠ 8 7

♥ A 5

♦ 4

♣ K J 9 7 6 5 4 3



♠ A Q T 9 5

♥ T 9 6

♦ K T 8 6

♣ A

♠ 6 4 3

♥ K Q J 3 2

♦ J 3 2

♣ T 8

Board 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 8 7 4 3

♥ -

♦ K 6 5 3 2

♣ Q 5 3

♠ K 5

♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3

♦ A 4

♣ A 4



♠ 9
♥ J T 7
♦ T 9 8 7
♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ A J T 6 2

♥ A 6 2

♦ Q J

♣ T 8 7

Board 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 6 4 3

♥ 9 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ A 9 6

♠ Q J 2

♥ K T

♦ K Q 8 6 5

♣ Q 8 7



♠ A

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ K J 4

♠ K 8 7 5

♥ 8 6

♦ A T 9

♣ T 5 3 2

Board 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 9 5

♥ A 9

♦ T 9 8

♣ J T 9 6 2

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ T 4

♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7



♠ T 7 4 3
♥ 8 6 2
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A 3

♠ J
♥ K Q J 7 5 3
♦ 4 3 2
♣ Q 5 4

Board 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 7 5 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ K J 6

♣ T 3 2

♠ K

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ A T 3 2

♣ J 9 5 4



♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ A 4

♦ 9 5

♣ A K 8 7

♠ J 9

♥ J T 9 8 6

♦ Q 8 7 4

♣ Q 6

Board 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q T 4

♥ K 9 8 4

♦ J 8

♣ Q 8 7

♠ 8 6 2

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 9 5

♣ A 2



♠ J 7 3

♥ 2

♦ A Q 7 6 4

♣ K 9 6 3

♠ K 9 5

♥ T 6

♦ K T 3 2

♣ J T 5 4

Board 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 2

♥ 8 7 4

♦ A Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 2

♠ 8 7

♥ A 5

♦ 4

♣ K J 9 7 6 5 4 3



♠ A Q T 9 5

♥ T 9 6

♦ K T 8 6

♣ A

♠ 6 4 3

♥ K Q J 3 2

♦ J 3 2

♣ T 8

Board 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 8 7 4 3

♥ -

♦ K 6 5 3 2

♣ Q 5 3

♠ K 5

♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3

♦ A 4

♣ A 4



♠ 9

♥ J T 7

♦ T 9 8 7

♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ A J T 6 2

♥ A 6 2

♦ Q J

♣ T 8 7

Board 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 2

♥ K T

♦ K Q 8 6 5

♣ Q 8 7

♠ T 9 6 4 3

♥ 9 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ A 9 6



♠ A

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ K J 4

♠ K 8 7 5

♥ 8 6

♦ A T 9

♣ T 5 3 2

Board 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 5

♥ A 9

♦ T 9 8

♣ J T 9 6 2

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ T 4

♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7



♠ T 7 4 3

♥ 8 6 2

♦ A Q J 7

♣ A 3

♠ J

♥ K Q J 7 5 3

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 5 4

Board 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K
♥ K 7 5 3
♦ A T 3 2
♣ J 9 5 4

♠ T 7 5 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ K J 6

♣ T 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 8 6 2
♥ A 4
♦ 9 5
♣ A K 8 7

♠ J 9
♥ J T 9 8 6
♦ Q 8 7 4
♣ Q 6

Board 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q T 4

♥ K 9 8 4

♦ J 8

♣ Q 8 7

♠ 8 6 2

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 9 5

♣ A 2



♠ J 7 3

♥ 2

♦ A Q 7 6 4

♣ K 9 6 3

♠ K 9 5

♥ T 6

♦ K T 3 2

♣ J T 5 4

Board 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 2

♥ 8 7 4

♦ A Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 2

♠ 8 7

♥ A 5

♦ 4

♣ K J 9 7 6 5 4 3



♠ A Q T 9 5

♥ T 9 6

♦ K T 8 6

♣ A

♠ 6 4 3

♥ K Q J 3 2

♦ J 3 2

♣ T 8

Board 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 8 7 4 3
♥ -
♦ K 6 5 3 2
♣ Q 5 3

♠ K 5

♥ K Q 9 8 5 4 3

♦ A 4

♣ A 4



♠ 9
♥ J T 7
♦ T 9 8 7
♣ K J 9 6 2

♠ A J T 6 2
♥ A 6 2
♦ Q J
♣ T 8 7

Board 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 2

♥ K T

♦ K Q 8 6 5

♣ Q 8 7

♠ T 9 6 4 3

♥ 9 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ A 9 6



♠ A

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ K J 4

♠ K 8 7 5

♥ 8 6

♦ A T 9

♣ T 5 3 2

Board 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 5

♥ A 9

♦ T 9 8

♣ J T 9 6 2

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ T 4

♦ K 6 5

♣ K 8 7



♠ T 7 4 3

♥ 8 6 2

♦ A Q J 7

♣ A 3

♠ J

♥ K Q J 7 5 3

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 5 4

Board 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K
♥ K 7 5 3
♦ A T 3 2
♣ J 9 5 4

♠ T 7 5 4 3

♥ Q 2

♦ K J 6

♣ T 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 8 6 2
♥ A 4
♦ 9 5
♣ A K 8 7

♠ J 9

♥ J T 9 8 6

♦ Q 8 7 4

♣ Q 6

Board 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q T 4

♥ K 9 8 4

♦ J 8

♣ Q 8 7

♠ 8 6 2

♥ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 9 5

♣ A 2



♠ J 7 3

♥ 2

♦ A Q 7 6 4

♣ K 9 6 3

♠ K 9 5

♥ T 6

♦ K T 3 2

♣ J T 5 4

Board 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 2

♥ 8 7 4

♦ A Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 2

♠ 8 7

♥ A 5

♦ 4

♣ K J 9 7 6 5 4 3



♠ A Q T 9 5

♥ T 9 6

♦ K T 8 6

♣ A

♠ 6 4 3

♥ K Q J 3 2

♦ J 3 2

♣ T 8