

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 5
♥ T 6 5
♦ J 9 8 3 2
♣ A T

♠ 8 7

♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2

♦ 5

♣ 8 6 4



♠ A J T 6 4 3
♥ A
♦ A K 6 4
♣ 9 7

West North East South
3♥ Pass 4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

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Here SOUTH has the kind of hand you need to raise a preempt to game.

SOUTH assumes that NORTH has a hand with six winners in it. He can provide four more, so

that is just enough for game. He bids 4

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Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
♥ 8 7 6 4
♦ K Q J T 8
♣ A 9 4

♠ K 4
♥ K J 5
♦ 9 4 2
♣ K Q J 7 2



♠ T 8 3
♥ A 9 3
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ T 8 5

♠ A Q J 9 7 6 5
♥ Q T 2
♦ 7
♣ 6 3

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 5 6
SOUTH has a 7-card suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens 1 instead.

NORTH should respond 2 and SOUTH can do nothing but rebid the suit.

NORTH thinks there should be game and bids 4

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 5
♥ T 8 5
♦ J 8 4 3
♣ A 7 3

♠ 7 6 4
♥ A K 9 7 4 3
♦ 7 2
♣ Q 5



♠ A J 8 3 2
♥ 6 2
♦ T 9
♣ T 9 8 6

♠ K Q
♥ Q J
♦ A K Q 6 5
♣ K J 4 2

West North East South

2♥

Pass

4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then NORTH couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or he would have been

too strong for a Weak-twoopening. So SOUTH just bids 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set 7
NORTH is too weak to open 1

but just right for 2

Wow! SOUTH has 21 HCP and two good

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose NORTH has six

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 2

♥ A 9 8 5

♦ J T 7 6

♣ 9 6

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ K Q 9 4

♣ K J 7 4 2



♠ T 7 6 4

♥ T 3

♦ A 3 2

♣ A Q T 3

♠ J 8 3

♥ K Q J 7 6 2

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 5

West	North	East	South
			2♥

All Pass

2♥ by South

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NORTH really hates that 2

opening by SOUTH.

But there's no sense bidding and probably making matters worse, so she grits her

teeth and passes.

If you think 3NT has a chance you are delusional.