

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 9
NORTH has 20 points, excellent

Board 1
West Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ A 9 3
♦ K Q 5 4 3 2
♣ A T 7

♠ A 8 6
♥ K Q J
♦ A J 9 7
♣ K Q 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 9 7 3
♥ T 8 5
♦ T
♣ 9 5 3 2

♠ J T 5 2
♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ 8 6
♣ J 8 6

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Dbl	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

1 NT by North

stoppers and a balanced hand.

She is two points too strong to overcall 1NT. Instead, she doubles.

SOUTH has an awful hand - but since he is forced to bid he says 1 ♠ assuming NORTH wants

to hear his best suit.

NORTH now bids 1NT, showing the balanced 19-21 point hand. SOUTH passes, of course.

Board 2
North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K J 6 2
♥ 6 5
♦ A Q 3
♣ 9 8 7 4

♠ A 3
♥ K J 8 7 3 2
♦ 8 4
♣ Q J T

N

W E

S

♠ Q 7 4
♥ A Q T
♦ K J 7 5
♣ A K 6

♠ T 9 8 5
♥ 9 4
♦ T 9 6 2
♣ 5 3 2

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

3 NT by East

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EAST has a 19 point balanced hand, including a stop
in

s.

He plans to double, then bid NT. (see Deal 9)

WEST has 10 points though, so he jumps to 2 .

In theory EAST could now bid 2NT to continue the
description of his hand, but he might as well

go ahead and bid 3NT instead.

Board 3

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 8 7 6
 ♥ J 9 2
 ♦ 6 4
 ♣ K T 8 6

♠ K J 4 2

♥ A 8 5

♦ K J 3 2

♣ J 2



♠ -

♥ K Q T 7 3

♦ A 9 8 7 5

♣ Q 5 3

♠ A Q T 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ Q T

♣ A 9 7 4

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

4 ♠ by South

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With a 5-card suit and 13 points SOUTH should overcall 1 .

NORTH has 13 points and four . If SOUTH had opened, NORTH's hand would be good enough

to insist on game. But since SOUTH overcalled, NORTH merely invites with a jump to 3 .

SOUTH has better than a minimum overcall so she accepts the invitation and bids 4 .

Board 4

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 3
♥ K Q 9 8 6 4
♦ A 5 2
♣ 9 5

♠ A 8 2

♥ A 3

♦ K J T 4

♣ Q 8 6 4



♠ K J 6 4

♥ J T 7 5

♦ 6

♣ A K J 3

♠ T 9 7 5

♥ 2

♦ Q 9 8 7 3

♣ T 7 2

West

North

East

South

4♥

1♦

Dbl

Pass

All Pass

4♥ by West

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EAST has a very minimum Takeout Double of 1

. But what it lacks

in strength, it makes up for with perfect distribution.

WEST has 13 points and only wants to play in one contract, 4

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EAST passes happily.