

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
♥ K 9 6 5 4
♦ J 7 5
♣ A 9 8 4

♠ K T 8 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ Q J 3

N
W
E
S

♠ A 9 6 4
♥ Q T 8 3
♦ T 4 2
♣ 7 5

♠ Q J 7 5

♥ A

♦ A K Q 3

♣ K T 6 2

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

4 ♠ by South

## Baker Bidpractice/Set3 19

SOUTH has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit.

With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1

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

so he responds 1 .

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

She bids 4 .

**Board 2**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 9 6 3  
♥ 7 5 4  
♦ Q 7  
♣ A K 6 4

♠ A  
♥ J 9 8  
♦ T 9 5 4  
♣ Q J T 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

4 ♠ by West

## Baker Bidpractice/Set3 20

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

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

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

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

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

**Board 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 7 5 4  
♥ 9 7 4 2  
♦ 7  
♣ 9 8 6 3

♠ Q T 8

♥ A J 6

♦ K T 9 3

♣ Q T 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 6 2  
♥ T 8 3  
♦ 8 6 5 4 2  
♣ A 7

♠ K J 3  
♥ K Q 5  
♦ A Q J  
♣ K J 4 2

West	North	East	South
			2NT

Pass      4NT      All Pass

4NT by North

## Baker Bidpractice/Set3 21

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

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

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

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

**Board 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 6 5

♥ K Q 2

♦ A 8 7

♣ K Q J 3

♠ A 8 7

♥ T 8 5

♦ Q J T 9 6

♣ 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J T 4

♥ A J 6

♦ K 5 3

♣ T 8 7 2

♠ K Q 3 2

♥ 9 7 4 3

♦ 4 2

♣ A 6 5

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2NT	All Pass

2NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 22  
 WEST opens 1NT with 15 points and a balanced hand.

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

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

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

**Board 5**

South Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ K 3  
♥ Q 9 8 5  
♦ Q T 3 2  
♣ J T 6

♠ J 9 7 5

♥ 6 4 2

♦ A K J

♣ 7 4 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 6 4  
♥ J T 7 3  
♦ 9 8 5  
♣ 9 8 3

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

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 23  
SOUTH is 1 point too strong to open 1NT, so opens 1 .

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

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

**Board 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 5 4 3  
♥ A 7 2  
♦ K T 6 5  
♣ 9 8 5

♠ A T 8 6 2

♥ J T

♦ 8 7

♣ J T 7 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J  
♥ K Q 8  
♦ Q J 9 3  
♣ A K 2

♠ 9 7  
♥ 9 6 5 4 3  
♦ A 4 2  
♣ Q 4 3

West	North	East	South
		2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 24  
EAST has a classic 2NT opening bid, 21 points and balanced distribution.

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

slam so she just bids 3NT.