

Board 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 5
♥ Q T 7 2
♦ J 6
♣ Q J 9 2

♠ J T 3

♥ A K 5 3
♦ A Q 7 3 2

♣ 4

	N	♠ 4
W		♥ J 9
	E	♦ K T 8 5
	S	♣ A T 8 7 5 3

♠ K Q 9 8 6 2
♥ 8 6 4
♦ 9 4
♣ K 6

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

3 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 13
NORTH has one of those hands which might or might not be helpful to SOUTH. He needs

more information about SOUTH's hand, so he bids 2NT.

SOUTH has a better than average hand, so she bids 3 to show a high card in the suit.

NORTH was hoping for a high card in

s rather than \$,o

he signs off in 3

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K T 9 8 5 2

♥ 9 7

♦ 9

♣ Q J 7 2

♠ 7 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ K Q T 8 7 2

♣ 9 4



♠ Q J

♥ A J T 8 6

♦ 6 5 3

♣ T 8 3

♠ A 6 4

♥ Q 4 2

♦ A J 4

♣ A K 6 5

West	North	East	South
	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

tricks

she bids 3NT.

Baker Bidpractice/Set 5 14

With four fast winners SOUTH should think about game. The best approach is usually to

use 2NT to find out more about NORTH's hand.

SOUTH found out that NORTH has good opening strength, and, most importantly, either the

A or

K. Now that she doesn't

have to worry about the opponents taking the first five

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 6 4 3
♥ Q J 5 3
♦ T 7
♣ K J 4

♠ 9 7 5

♥ 7 6

♦ A K Q 9 6 2

♣ 8 3



♠ A J 2
♥ T 9 4 2
♦ 8 5
♣ Q 9 7 2

♠ K Q 8
♥ A K 8
♦ J 4 3
♣ A T 6 5

West	North	East	South
	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 15

SOUTH is strong enough to be thinking about game, depending on how good NORTH's hand is.

So he bids 2NT to get more information.

NORTH has the exact hand to say 3NT - a suit headed by AKQ.

Game (and bidding) doesn't get much easier.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K J 6
♦ A J 9 6 2
♣ 7 6 3

♠ T 9 2

♥ A 8 7 4 3

♦ 3

♣ A K 9 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 4
♥ Q T 9 5
♦ K Q T 8
♣ Q T 8 4

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 3
♥ 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ J 5

West	North	East	South
			3♠

Pass 4♠ All Pass

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 16

NORTH assumes her partner can win six tricks. So she will need to contribute four more to

make game.

Three of them are obvious, and she expects to get a

ruff also.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 5 4

♥ A K Q 4 2

♦ J T 7 4

♣ 8 7

♠ Q 9

♥ J 7 5

♦ A 9 6

♣ A Q J 4 2



♠ J T 3

♥ T 9 6

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ T 9 3

♠ A K 8 7 6 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 8 3

♣ K 6 5

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 17

SOUTH's hand has the look of a Weak Two-bid, but it is one point too strong. So she opens 1 .

NORTH naturally bids 2 and SOUTH rebids the suit.

NORTH always knew there would be a game bid, so with an 8-card fit he bids 4

Board 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A T
♥ 9 4 2
♦ Q T 6 3
♣ A T 9 8

♠ Q J 8 3

♥ T 6

♦ K J 4

♣ K Q J 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 9 7 4 2
♥ K
♦ A 8 2
♣ 7 6 3 2

♠ 6 5

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 5

West North East South
3♥

All Pass

3♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 18

NORTH may have an opening hand, but it is just the wrong kind of hand to respond to

partner's preemptive bid. She doesn't have the immediate winners that SOUTH is likely

to need, but she is in good shape for defense should the opponents bid.

In other words, NORTH has the perfect hand with which to pass.