

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 13

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 6 2
♥ 8 5 4
♦ J 8 3
♣ 7 6 4

16
5 1
18

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by North

♠ Q J 4
♥ A K
♦ K 7 6
♣ Q J 10 5 2



♠ K 10 5
♥ Q 6 3
♦ A Q 5 4
♣ A K 3

North

1 NT

East

Pass

♠ 8 7 3
♥ J 10 9 7 2
♦ 10 9 2
♣ 9 8

South

6 NT

Deal 2

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 3
 ♥ 10 9 7 4
 ♦ 9 7 6
 ♣ J 10 9

21
 1 4
 14

West

Pass

6 NT by North

♠ Q J 9
 ♥ A K 8
 ♦ A Q 5 3
 ♣ K Q 8



♠ K 7 4
 ♥ Q J 5
 ♦ K J 10
 ♣ A 7 4 3

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

6 NT

The partner who is first sure what the final contract should be should just go ahead and bid it.

This is called "She who knows, goes."

In this deal, for example, it is SOUTH who knows. She has a balanced 14 points, so when NORTH indicates

20/21 points with his opening 2 NT bid she

KNOWS

the partnership holds about 34/35 points.

Therefore she

GOES

to 6 NT.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 4 2
♥ 7 2
♦ 9 7 2
♣ A 10 8 2

7
7 6
20

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 8 5 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 5



♠ A 10 6
♥ A Q 4
♦ K Q J 10
♣ K J 7

North

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

Pass

SOUTH has a balanced 20 point hand - ideal to open 2 NT.

NORTH has 7 points; he knows the partnership has either 27 or 28 points so he bids 3 NT.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 3
 ♥ Q J 9 5
 ♦ 10 6 5
 ♣ 9 8 6

16
 3 4
 17

West

Pass

6 NT by North

♠ A K 5
 ♥ 10 7 4 3
 ♦ A 9 8 2
 ♣ K Q



♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ A K 8
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ A J 10 7 4

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

♠ Q J 8 2
 ♥ 6 2
 ♦ J 7 4 3
 ♣ 5 3 2

South

6 NT

This is another example of "She who knows, goes."

SOUTH has a solid 18 points, (1 extra for the fifth Club), so when NORTH opens 1 NT

she

KNOWS

that together they must hold at least 33 points. They may even have 35 points.

In any case they should be in slam, so SOUTH

GOES

to 6 NT.

Deal 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 4
 ♥ K J 9 6 2
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ A J 7

6
 9 6
 19

♠ 10 6 3
 ♥ 10 8 5
 ♦ A 7 3
 ♣ Q 9 8 5



♠ K J 9
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ K Q J 9 5
 ♣ K 10 4

♠ A Q 5 2
 ♥ 7 4 3
 ♦ 10 4 2
 ♣ 6 3 2

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | Pass | 2 NT |
| Pass | 3 NT | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 3 NT by South | | | |

SOUTH has 20 points, counting one extra for the fifth Diamond. Just right to open 2 NT.

NORTH has 6 points, just enough to bid 3 NT.

(20 + 6 = 26) (21 + 6 = 27)

Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 5
♥ Q 4 2
♦ K 7 3 2
♣ 6 4 3

16
9 6
9

West

♠ K J 9 2
♥ A 9 8
♦ Q 10 8
♣ K Q J



♠ Q 10 3
♥ K 10 6
♦ A 9 4
♣ 10 7 5 2

North

♠ 7 6 4
♥ J 7 5 3
♦ J 6 5
♣ A 9 8

*East**South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

1 NT

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 NT

Pass

After SOUTH passes initially, NORTH opens 1 NT.

With 9 points, SOUTH has invitational strength, so he says 2 NT.

NORTH has a small problem - SOUTH's bid tells her to bid 3 NT with 17 points, but to pass

with 15 points. Her problem is that she has 16! Since it looks to her like a "good" 16 points

she bids 3 NT. If those 10's and 9's had been 4's and 3's she would have passed.