

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 6

♥ Q J 6 4

♦ A 7 4

♣ K T 9 7

♠ A K 9 8 7 3

♥ 8 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ J 4



♠ 5 4

♥ A T 3

♦ J T 5 3

♣ A 8 6 2

♠ Q J 2
 ♥ K 9 7 5
 ♦ K Q 2
 ♣ Q 5 3

West	North	East	South
	2♠	All Pass	

2 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 1

NORTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2 .

SOUTH will be tempted to respond with his opening hand and good trump support, but he should

resist the temptation. To raise a Weak Two-bid to game you should have quick winners, not just points.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 2
 ♥ A K 7 5
 ♦ A 7 2
 ♣ A 5 3

♠ T 4
 ♥ J T 9
 ♦ Q J T
 ♣ K Q 9 7 2

N
W
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♠ A K 9 8 7 3
 ♥ 8 2
 ♦ 9 8 6
 ♣ J 4

♠ 6 5
 ♥ Q 6 4 3
 ♦ K 5 4 3
 ♣ T 8 6

West North East South
 2♠
 4♠ All Pass

4 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set 5 2
 EAST has the same hand as in Deal 1 and again
 opens 2 .

This is the type of hand WEST needs to bid game.
 Notice that even with all those winners the

pair is nowhere close to having a slam. They will
 probably make just ten tricks.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ K J 4 3
♣ A 9 6 2

♠ Q J 6 2

♥ 7 5

♦ A 7 2

♣ Q 7 5 3



♠ 4

♥ A Q J T 9 3
♦ Q T 5
♣ K T 8

N		
W	E	
S		

♠ A K 9 8 7 3
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ J 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♠	All Pass	2♠

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 5 3

Once more, SOUTH has the same hand as Deals 1 and 2.

This time NORTH has a very poor hand without any chance of making game. However, he should bid

4 anyway.

It is very likely that the opponents can make 4

if East gets the

opportunity to get into the bidding. Hopefully the 4 bid will shut him out, and 4 probably

won't go down more than a couple of tricks.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 4 3

♥ 8 5

♦ K Q J 9 8 6 2

♣ 9 7

♠ J T 9 2

♥ Q 4 3

♦ A 4

♣ K T 6 4


 ♠ K Q 7 6
 ♥ A 6 2
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ A Q 8 3

West

3♦

North

All Pass

East

South

3♦ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set 5 4

WEST has a pretty normal preemptive 3

bid.

EAST has the equivalent of an opening 1NT bid and will be very tempted to bid 3NT.

That might turn out to be a disaster, particularly if EAST is unable to reach the WEST hand.

EAST should assume WEST can win six tricks if

s are trumps. Thinking this way points EAST to her best call - PASS.

Board 5

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



♠ Q 2
♥ 8 4
♦ Q T 7
♣ K Q J 5 3 2

♠ 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

Baker Bidpractice/Set 5.5

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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