

**Board 1**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 7 5 2  
♥ 7  
♦ K Q T 5  
♣ Q J 8 2

♠ K Q 3  
♥ J 9 6 4  
♦ 8 6 2  
♣ 9 6 5

N  
W       E  
      S

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

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
All Pass			

4 ♥ by South

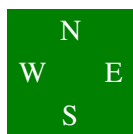
raise shows 6-10 points and a least three trumps.  
SOUTH, with 19+ points, decides that game is almost a certainty and bids 4

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**Board 2**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ K 8 3  
 ♥ 7 4 3  
 ♦ 8 6 4  
 ♣ Q 7 5 2

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



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

♠ A Q 4  
 ♥ K T 8  
 ♦ J T 9 5  
 ♣ A J 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	All Pass	1NT

3 NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 2  
 SOUTH has an ideal 1NT opening -

15 points and balanced distribution.

With 12 points, NORTH knows the partnership total is between 27 and 29, enough for game

but not enough to think about slam. Since NORTH has no 4-card Major suit she bids 3NT.

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ Q J 6 4

♥ A 9 5

♦ 8 2

♣ A K 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8

♥ 8 7 4 3 2

♦ A K J

♣ J T 7 4

♠ K T 7 3

♥ K 6

♦ T 7 5 4

♣ 8 5 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

1 ♠

2 ♠

All Pass

2 ♠ by North

With his minimum response hand SOUTH passes.

**Baker Bidpractice/Set3 3**

With 6 points, SOUTH must respond to NORTH's 1 opening bid.

While it is often correct to respond by bidding suits "up-the-line", SOUTH should

skip over the weak

suit in favor of showing the 4-card

Major suit.

NORTH knows that SOUTH may only have four s, but with four of her own she can support the

suit. Since she has a minimum opening bid she merely raises to 2 .

**Board 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 8 4 3

♥ J 5 3

♦ J 7 2

♣ J 9

♠ 7 5

♥ T 9 8 4

♦ K 9 4

♣ K 8 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 2

♥ 6

♦ Q T 8 6

♣ A Q T 7 3

♠ Q J 6

♥ A K Q 7 2

♦ A 5 3

♣ 6 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♥

Pass

3♥

All Pass

3♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 4

With 17 points SOUTH is not strong enough to insist on game after NORTH's raise,

but is strong enough to invite with a 3

bid.

NORTH, however, doesn't have anything extra, so declines to go further.

**Board 5**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 6 5

♥ 8 6 3

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 8 7

♠ T 9 4

♥ Q J 4

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ J 9 5



♠ J 7

♥ A 7 5 2

♦ T 8 3

♣ T 4 3 2

♠ A 8 3 2

♥ K T 9

♦ A J 7

♣ K Q 6

West

North

East

South

Pass

2NT

Pass

1NT

3NT

All Pass

3 NT by South

**Baker Bidpractice/Set3 5**

This is a classic Notrump bidding sequence.

SOUTH opens 1NT with 17 points and balanced distribution.

NORTH, with 9 points is not strong enough to bid game, but invites with 2NT.

SOUTH has a maximum, so she accepts the invitation.