

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 3
♥ J 5 3
♦ K 8 7 3
♣ J 8 2

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ T 9 6
♣ A 6 3

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ T 8 7 6
♥ 7 4
♦ A Q 4 2
♣ Q T 7

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ A T 6
♦ J 5
♣ K 9 5 4

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| | | | 1♣ |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |

4♥ by North

Baker FSF 1

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1♥. Partner rebids 1♠.

Partner shows nothing extra. All you know now is that he doesn't have 4 ♥s. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has 3 ♥s then 4♥ would be good. If not though, 3NT would be good if he has a ♦ stopper. The way to find out what he has is with Fourth Suit Forcing. So you bid 2♦. Partner answers with 2♥.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♥s. You bid the ♥ game.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 7 2
 ♥ A J T 9 3
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ 9 5 3

♠ T 5

♥ K 5

♦ J 9 5 3 2

♣ K Q J 6

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♠ A J 4 3
 ♥ Q 7 6 4
 ♦ T 8
 ♣ 8 7 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| | | 1♦ | Pass |
| 1♥ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 2NT | All Pass |

2 NT by East

Baker FSF 2
 You are the dealer.

With 13 points you open 1♦. Partner responds 1♥.

Partner might be 4-4 in the Majors so you bid 1♠.
 Apparently he wasn't since he says 2♣.

This is Fourth Suit Forcing and partner may or may not have a ♣ suit. You do not have 3 ♥s. You do have a ♣ stopper, so with a minimum hand you bid 2NT and partner passes.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 7 6 3
♥ J 5 4
♦ Q 7 2
♣ Q T 7

♠ A 5

♥ K Q 9 8 2

♦ T 9 6

♣ A 6 3

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|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ J T 4

♥ A 7 3

♦ K 8 4 3

♣ J 8 2

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ T 6
♦ A J 5
♣ K 9 5 4

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| | | | 1♣ |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

3 NT by North

Baker FSF 3

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1♥. Partner rebids 1♠.

Partner shows nothing extra. All you know now is that he doesn't have 4 ♥s. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has 3 ♥s then 4♥ would be good. If not though, 3NT would be good if he has a ♦ stopper. The way to find out what he has is with Fourth Suit Forcing. So you bid 2♦. Partner answers with 2NT.

Partner does not have 3 ♥s, but he does have ♦s stopped. So you bid 3NT.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6
♥ A J T
♦ Q T 9 5 4
♣ A Q 7 3

♠ Q T 9 8 3

♥ K 9 5

♦ 8 6 3

♣ J 6

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ A K 7 5 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ A K
♣ 9 8 4

♠ J 4

♥ Q 7 4 2

♦ J 7 2

♣ K T 5 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|----------|------|-------|
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

3NT by West

Baker FSF 4
You are the dealer.

You open your 5-card suit, 1♦. Partner responds 1♠.

You might bid 1NT, but since you have a singleton you prefer to say 2♣.

Partner bids 2♥. What do you say?

This is Fourth Suit Forcing and partner is fishing for more information. You certainly don't have 3 of his ♠s so that is out. On the other hand, you have a double stopper in ♥s, so with 14 points you go right to 3NT.

Board 5

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 9 6 3
♥ K 9 5 2
♦ 6 4 2
♣ 9 4

♠ K J T 7

♥ Q J

♦ K Q J 9

♣ J 7 6

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|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 8 5 2

♥ 7 3

♦ A T 7 5

♣ Q T 5 3

♠ Q 4

♥ A T 8 6 4

♦ 8 3

♣ A K 8 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | 2♣ |

3 NT by North

Baker FSF 5

You show your 4-card Major. Bid 1♠. Partner rebids 2♣. What do you say next?

You have a nice ♦ suit but don't bid it now. That would be FSF and partner would assume you didn't have a ♦ stopper.

With 13 points, bid what you expect to make, 3NT. Partner passes.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 9 8 5

♥ A 5

♦ 8 7

♣ Q J 9 4

♠ T 6 4 3

♥ J 9 2

♦ A 9 3 2

♣ 7 5

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|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 7

♥ K Q 8 6 3

♦ T 4

♣ A K T 8 6

♠ Q J 2

♥ T 7 4

♦ K Q J 6 5

♣ 3 2

West

North

East

South

1♠

1♥

2♦

2♣

5♣

3♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

5♣ by West

Baker FSF 6
You are the dealer.

You open 1♥. As expected, partner responds 1♠.

This is easy bidding so far. You bid your second 5-card suit, 2♣.

Partner says 2♦. What do you bid?

Partner's bid is FSF. He wants to know if you have 3 ♠s, (you don't), or if you can stop ♦s, (you can't). So you have to rebid one of your 5-carders, and you should bid the lower-ranking one. You bid 3♣ and partner raises to 5♣.