

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 3

♥ J T 4

♦ T 8 6

♣ A 7 6 3 2

♠ 7 4

♥ Q 7 3

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ K J 9

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 9 5

♥ 9 6 5

♦ 9 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

♠ A J T 8 2

♥ A K 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ T 5

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

All Pass

Baker 2 over 1 21

South opens 1♠. North responds 2♦, a 2/1 force to game.

South's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that North might also have 4 ♥s.

North doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. She does, however, have stoppers in ♣s so she bids 2NT. South happily says 3NT.

3 NT by South

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ K Q 3
♦ A K J 7 3
♣ T 9 7

♠ K Q 5 3

♥ J 9

♦ T 6 5 4

♣ 8 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J T 8 2
♥ A T 8 2
♦ Q 2
♣ K 5

♠ 9 6
♥ 7 6 5 4
♦ 9 8
♣ A Q J 6 2

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

3 NT by East

Baker 2 over 1 22

East opens 1♠. West responds 2♦, a 2/1 force to game.

East's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that West might also have 4 ♥s.

West doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. Furthermore, she does not have stoppers in ♣s so she cannot bid NT. Since she has to keep bidding, but has no reasonable bid she can make, she bids the fourth suit, 3♣. Compare this Deal with Deal 21.

East understands that West's ♣ bid is Fourth-Suit-Forcing, and does not actually show ♣s. However since East does have a ♣ stopper he bids 3NT. In this case this turns out to be the best game contract.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 6 5 3
♥ 7 5 4
♦ K Q
♣ J 9 2

♠ T 8 2

♥ A 2

♦ A 8 5 4 2

♣ Q 8 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ -
♥ J T 9 8
♦ J T 9 6
♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ A K 9 7 4
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ T 7

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

2♠ by North

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North passes and South opens 1♠.

North now bids 2♦. Since North originally passed this is NOT 2/1 Game Force. Instead, it is forcing for one round and shows 11 or more points.

South next shows her 4-card ♥ suit. North gives a preference to 2♠.

Knowing that North does not have opening strength South passes 2♠.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q T 6 2

♥ A 7 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 5

♠ A 9 8

♥ Q 5 2

♦ Q J 9 3

♣ 9 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 4

♥ 9 8 6 3

♦ A 7 6 2

♣ K Q 3

♠ J 5 3

♥ K J T

♦ K T 5

♣ J T 7 6

West North East South

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

2♣ Pass 2♠ All Pass

Baker 2 over 1 24

West opens 1♠. With 9 points and a doubleton ♠

East must respond 1NT.

In standard bidding West would happily pass a 1NT response. But in 2/1 the 1NT response is forcing for 1 round. West is forced to bid a 3-card minor so he says 2♣.

East prefers ♣ over ♠ but must allow for the possibility that West has bid a 3-card suit. So East gives a preference to 2♠. This is called a "false preference", but it assures the team of being in at least a 7-card fit.

West happily passes and the pair lands in a reasonable contract, probably better than 1NT.

2♠ by East