

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K
♥ Q J T 5
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ T 7 3 2

♠ A T 6

♥ A 7 4

♦ K Q T 2

♣ K 8 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 9 7 4 2
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 5
♣ A Q J

♠ 8 5 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

1 NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 1
NORTH has a perfect 1NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

SOUTH has 7 points; he knows that the most points the partnership could hold is 24 (7 + 17).

Since this is below the 26 point game requirement he passes.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 9 7
♥ A 9 6
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ K 8 4

♠ K 6 5 3

♥ Q 7 4 3

♦ 8 6 2

♣ T 9



♠ A Q 4
♥ K T 8
♦ J T 9 5
♣ A Q 6

♠ J 8 2
♥ J 5 2
♦ A 4
♣ J 7 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 2
EAST has an ideal 1NT opening -

16 points and balanced distribution.

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

but not enough to think about slam. Since WEST also has a balanced hand she bids 3NT.

Board 3

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 5 4
♥ Q J T 5 2
♦ 8 2
♣ J 9 4 3

♠ A J 3

♥ A 8 7

♦ Q J T 5

♣ Q T 7

N
W
E
S

♠ K Q 8 2
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 9 4
♣ A 6 5

♠ T 9 7 6
♥ 4 3
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ K 8 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 3
SOUTH has 16 points and balanced distribution.

She naturally opens 1NT.

NORTH has 14 points and balanced distribution so he does the math.

The partnership has at least 29 points (14 + 15).

The partnership has at most 31 points (14 + 17).

Since this is more than the 26 needed for game, but fewer than the 33 needed for slam

NORTH just bids 3NT, knowing SOUTH will respect his decision and pass.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 9 6

♥ A J 5

♦ A Q J

♣ A 9 3 2

♠ Q T

♥ K T 4

♦ T 8 6 5 2

♣ Q J 8



♠ A K 5 2
♥ 8 7 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 7 6 5

♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ Q 9 6 3
♦ K 7
♣ K T 4

West

1NT

North

All Pass

East

South

1 NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 4

When WEST opens 1NT, EAST knows that he cannot have more

than 17 points. So with her 7 points, she knows there is no reason to respond.

Board 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 4

♥ T 8 6

♦ T 7 6 2

♣ A 8 2

♠ K Q J

♥ Q J 9 5

♦ A J 8

♣ Q J T



♠ 9 5 2

♥ A 7 3

♦ Q 9 5

♣ 9 6 4 3

♠ T 8 6 3

♥ K 4 2

♦ K 4 3

♣ K 7 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 5
NORTH has a maximum 17 point 1NT opener.

SOUTH has 9 points:

- if NORTH has 15 the total is 24, not enough for game.

- if NORTH has 17 the total is 26, enough for game.

Since SOUTH doesn't know what to do he passes the buck back to NORTH

by bidding 2NT; this is an invitation for NORTH to bid game.

NORTH has a maximum 17 point hand so she accepts the invitation.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 8 4
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ K J 9 3

♠ K Q J 5

♥ 9 5 3

♦ 7 3 2

♣ 7 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 7 6
♥ A Q 4
♦ A J 4
♣ Q T 8

♠ 3 2

♥ J T 8 6

♦ K T 9 8

♣ A 5 4

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 6

With 9 points WEST is unable to decide the final contract. If EAST has 17 points then the partnership

should be playing 3NT. If EAST opened with just 15 points then 3NT will be too high..

So WEST makes the temporizing bid of 2NT. This tells EAST that he must make the final call - go on to

game if he has maximum, pass if he has minimum. On this Deal EAST has 17 points so he bids 3NT.