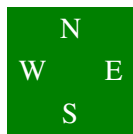


**Board 1**  
North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 5 2  
♥ K 9 3  
♦ T 8 7 3  
♣ K 5 3

♠ K Q T 8 4  
♥ A 7  
♦ K Q 5  
♣ Q T 6



♠ 7  
♥ J T 8 5 2  
♦ J 4  
♣ A 9 8 4 2

♠ A 9 6 3  
♥ Q 6 4  
♦ A 9 6 2  
♣ J 7

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 7  
NORTH has 17 points and might open 1NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1 .

SOUTH has excellent support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3 which NORTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

**Board 2**

East Deals

N-S Vul

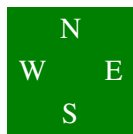
♠ 8 7  
♥ T 6 4  
♦ K Q T 9 6  
♣ T 7 3

♠ J T 4 2

♥ K Q 8 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ J 4



♠ A K 6

♥ A J 9

♦ A J 2

♣ A 8 5 2

♠ Q 9 5 3

♥ 7 5 3

♦ 8 4

♣ K Q 9 6

West

North

East

South

3NT

All Pass

2NT

Pass

3 NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 8

EAST has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2 bid.

Since he has balanced distribution he opens 2NT (20-21 points).

WEST adds her 6 points to EAST's minimum and concludes they should be in game. She expects her

good

suit to be useful to WEST in Notrump so she bids 3NT.

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 4 2

♥ 9 7 6

♦ 7 5

♣ A 8 6 3

♠ J 6 3

♥ A K Q 8 2

♦ K 6

♣ T 9 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 8 7

♥ T 5 3

♦ A T 9 4 2

♣ Q 4

♠ T 9 5

♥ J 4

♦ Q J 8 3

♣ K J 7 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

1NT

All Pass

1 NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 9  
NORTH has a solid 1

opening, 14 points and five trumps.

SOUTH must respond with 8 points, but cannot bid either minor suit since he needs at least

11 points to bid a new suit at the 2-level. So he bids 1NT (6-10 points).

NORTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

**Board 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q T 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6

♠ 8

♥ 8 6 3

♦ K J T 6

♣ K Q 9 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ 8 3

♣ T 7 4

♠ A 5 4

♥ J T 9

♦ A Q 4 2

♣ J 5 2

West

1 ♠

North

Pass

East

2 ♠

South

All Pass

2 ♠ by East

**Baker Bidpractice/Set3 10**

WEST has a normal 1<sup>st</sup> opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

EAST has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2<sup>nd</sup> ,

passed by WEST.

EAST does not consider showing the

s,

first because she knows there is a fit, and second because she doesn't have

the 11 points needed to bid a new suit at the 2-level.

**Board 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

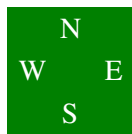
♠ T 7 6 5  
♥ J 6 4  
♦ T 7  
♣ A 6 4 2

♠ A 8 3

♥ A 7

♦ K J 9 6 4

♣ Q J 5



♠ K J 4

♥ K Q 9 2

♦ A Q 5

♣ K T 8

♠ Q 9 2

♥ T 8 5 3

♦ 8 3 2

♣ 9 7 3

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6NT by South

**Baker Bidpractice/Set3 11**

With balanced distribution and 16 points NORTH  
should open 1NT rather than 1

SOUTH's response is based on simple math. He adds  
his 18 points to the 15 minimum that NORTH has  
announced and

comes up with 33 points combined. This is enough  
for a small slam, and since he has balanced  
distribution

he bids 6NT.

**Board 6**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J T 9 6

♥ A 7

♦ A Q 6

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 5 3

♥ 9 8

♦ K J T 9

♣ J 6 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 4

♥ Q T 6

♦ 8 5 3 2

♣ Q 9 8 5

♠ A 8 2

♥ K J 5 4 3 2

♦ 7 4

♣ T 3

West

1 ♠

3NT

North

Pass

All Pass

East

1NT

South

Pass

3NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 12

WEST is right at the maximum for a 1 opening bid -  
one more point and he would

have opened 2 .

EAST does not have 3-card support but with 7  
points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1NT (6-10  
points).

WEST is fine with Notrump so he bids 3NT.