

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 2

♥ J 5 2

♦ A 4

♣ J 7 5 3 2

♠ T 9 7

♥ A 9 6

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ K 8 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

West	North	East	South
			1NT

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3NT by North

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

16 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 also has a balanced hand she bids 3NT.

Board 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 7 6
♥ 4 3
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ K 8 2

♠ K Q 8 2

♥ K 9 6

♦ A 9 4

♣ A 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 3

NORTH has 16 points and balanced distribution.

She naturally opens 1NT.

SOUTH 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

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

Board 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 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

N
W E
S

♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ Q 9 6 3
♦ K 7
♣ K T 4

♠ J 9 6
♥ A J 5
♦ A Q J
♣ A 9 3 2

West North East South

1NT

All Pass

1 NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1 4

When SOUTH opens 1NT, NORTH knows that he cannot have more

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