

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ T 7 6
♦ 5 3 2
♣ Q J T 8 7 5

♠ Q J T 8 3

♥ A J 4

♦ A T

♣ 9 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 2
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ A K 4

♠ A K 9 6 4
♥ K Q 5
♦ K Q J 7
♣ 3

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

6 ♠ by South

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NORTH has a minimum 1 opening bid - 13 points and five trumps. She doesn't even suspect

what's about to befall!

SOUTH hears the 1 bid and all he wants to know is whether NORTH has one, two or three Aces.

So he uses the Blackwood convention, 4NT.

NORTH has two Aces so she bids 5

(5 would show zero Aces,

5

would show one Ace, etc).

SOUTH has heard enough and bids 6 .

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 5

♥ T 4

♦ Q 8 5 2

♣ K J T 2

♠ A 7 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 6 4

♣ 7 6 5 3



♠ K Q T 8 3

♥ J 9 3

♦ J 9

♣ Q 8 4

♠ 6 2

♥ A K 8 7 6 2

♦ A T 3

♣ A 9

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

4♥ by West

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SOUTH has an above-minimum strength hand with a good 6-card suit. He opens 1

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NORTH, with 9 points, is a little too weak to bid at the 2-level so she bids a catchall 1NT.

SOUTH shows his 6-card suit and extra strength by jumping to 3

NORTH raises to 4

since two trumps is now adequate support.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ K T 9 6 5
♦ K T 9 8
♣ J 8 4

♠ K Q 7 4

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 6 2

♣ A K Q 2

N
W
E
S

♠ A 9 5 2
♥ J 2
♦ A Q 4
♣ T 9 5 3

♠ J T 8 3
♥ A Q 7 4
♦ J 5 3
♣ 7 6

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

2 ♠ by South

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NORTH has 14 points and opens her 4-card suit.

SOUTH must respond, and with two 4-card Majors bids them "up-the-line", saying 1

NORTH now shows his 4-card suit, and SOUTH again must bid. Since SOUTH is pretty weak he just raises to 2 which NORTH happily passes.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 5
♥ 8 6 5 4 2
♦ 5 4
♣ A 4 3

♠ A 9 4
♥ A 7
♦ K 8 3
♣ K J 9 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 8 3 2
♥ T 9
♦ Q J 9 7 2
♣ 7 5

♠ K Q 7
♥ K Q J 3
♦ A T 6
♣ Q T 8

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6NT by South

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SOUTH has a maximum 17 point 1NT bid.

NORTH, with 16 points, can't tell if there are enough points for slam. If SOUTH has

17 points then a slam should be makeable, but if SOUTH has only 15 points then he

should settle for game.

The 4NT raise solves the problem. It tells SOUTH to bid 6NT with 17 points, pass

with 15 points, and use best judgment with 16. Here SOUTH bids the slam.

Board 5

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ J T 5
♥ K T 7 6
♦ Q J 3
♣ T 4 3

♠ A Q 8 6 2

♥ J 5 3
♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 2

N
W E
S

♠ 4
♥ A Q 9
♦ T 9 8 6 2
♣ A 9 8 5

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ 8 4 2
♦ A K 5
♣ J 7 6

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

3♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 17
SOUTH has just 11 points, not enough to open the bidding.

But when NORTH opens 1 SOUTH should show her "almost opening strength"

by jumping to 3 .

NORTH has just 13 points, and knowing SOUTH has less than 13 he passes.

Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ J T 9
♦ J T 9 7 4
♣ A J 7 3

♠ 7 3

♥ Q 8 6 4 2

♦ A 8 6

♣ K 9 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q J 9 6 4
♥ -
♦ 3 2
♣ T 8 4 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♥	All Pass	1♥

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 18
After SOUTH opens with 1

, NORTH has a small "dilemma".

With 11 points she really is only strong enough to make a jump raise to 3

♠ T 8 2
♥ A K 7 5 3
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q 6

But, with five trumps the hand deserves more. So she just bids 4

instead.

Usually, no matter what your strength, when you have five cards in the Major suit that your partner opens with you should just jump right to game.