

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8 5 4 3

♥ Q T 9 4 2

♦ J

♣ T 7

13
3 11
13

♠ A K J 7

♥ 8 7

♦ 9 7 6

♣ K Q 5 4

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ A K 5 3
♦ 8 4
♣ A 6 2

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♦	Dbl
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			.

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 11.1
 SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

♠ -

♥ J 6
♦ A K Q T 5 3 2
♣ J 9 8 3

first, (up-the-line).

But EAST's overcall gave SOUTH the opportunity to bid both Majors at the same time! Since the

Negative Double promises both Majors it was like SOUTH could bid 1

NORTH has so she bids 1 showing a minimum opener.

SOUTH has 13 points and the fit so he bids game.

Deal 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 6 2
♥ A T 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ Q 8 2

4
13
9

♠ J T 8 4
♥ Q 6 4
♦ J T
♣ 9 7 6 5

N
W
E
S

♠ Q 9 7
♥ J 8 7
♦ A K 6
♣ K J T 4

♠ 5 3
♥ K 5 2
♦ Q 8 5 4 3 2
♣ A 3

West	North	East	South
		1♣	1♦
Dbl	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT by West

stopper he bids 1NT.

WEST happily bids 3NT.

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 2
WEST has 13 points and four cards in both

s and rather

than bid one of them she makes a Negative Double, promising four cards in EACH of them. It's like

she was able to bid 1

EAST doesn't have four cards in either Major, but with a

Deal 3

North Deals	♠ A K J 7
None Vul	♥ 8 7
	♦ 9 7 6
	♣ K Q 5 4
♠ T 3	♠ 8 5 4
♥ Q T 9 6 4 3 2	♥ J
♦ Q 3	♦ A K J T 5 2
♣ J 7	♣ T 9 8
13	♠ Q 9 6 2
5 9	♥ A K 5
13	♦ 8 4
	♣ A 6 3 2

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 3
SOUTH cannot respond with a Negative Double on this hand because he has only three

s.

Instead he just bids his 4-card Major, 1 .

NORTH shows 4-card support with a minimum opener by bidding 2 and SOUTH

has enough strength to bid game.

Deal 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A T 5 3 2**♥ A J T****♦ 9 8 7****♣ A 8****12****13 15****0**

♠ Q J 8
♥ K Q 7 5 4 3
♦ Q J
♣ J 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 9
♥ 8 6 2
♦ A K 6 3
♣ K Q 7 5

♠ 7 6 4
♥ 9
♦ T 5 4 2
♣ T 9 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♥	Dbl	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 4
 EAST has 15 points, and when North overcalls
 2

in front

of her she has a perfect Negative Double - showing both of the Minor suits.

WEST doesn't like the Minor suits, but he has stoppers in

he bids 2NT.

EAST is more than happy to raise to 3NT.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 2	♦ A Q T 5 4
♥ 8 5	♦ A K 6
♦ Q J T 9 5 3 2	♣ A Q T 5 4
♣ 9 7	

19	♠ T 8 6
3 11	♥ A 9 6 4 2
7	♦ 8 4
	♣ K 6 2

♠ 9	♦ A K Q J 5 4 3
♥ K Q J 7	♦ 7
♦ A K 6	♣ J 8 3
♣ A Q T 5 4	
	N
	W E
	S

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♠	Dbl
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 11 5
SOUTH would have responded 1

if EAST had not overcalled.

But with only 8 points he cannot bid at the 2-level. The Negative Double solves his problem,

giving this information to partner.

NORTH has good

s and enough points to bid game.

Notice that if EAST had remained silent, SOUTH would have responded 1

,

and NORTH would have jumped to game.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 6 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ Q 9 8 2

7
9 14
10

♠ J 8 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ Q T 4

♣ A 7 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 7
♥ K 8 7
♦ A K 6
♣ K J T 4

♠ Q 5
♥ A Q J T 6 4
♦ J 8 5 3
♣ 6

West	North	East	South
Dbl	Pass	1♣	1♥
2♣	All Pass	1NT	Pass

2♣ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set 11 6

WEST has four so instead of bidding them she makes a Negative Double.

EAST knows there is no 8-card fit in but he does have

S

stopped. He bids 1NT.

WEST has 9 points and with four she goes back to that suit and EAST passes.

Deal 7

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J T 5 4
♥ A 2
♦ J 8 4 3
♣ 8 5 3

14
6 11
9

♠ Q 9 7
♥ J 8 7
♦ A K 6
♣ K J T 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 6 3 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ Q 9 2

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

2 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 11 7
Compare this hand with Deal 6.

SOUTH has five this time so she bids 1 .

NORTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in so he bids 2 .

SOUTH has 10 points so she passes.

Deal 8

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 5 2

♥ A Q T 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A J 2

8
15 11
6

♠ K Q J 8 6 4

♥ J 6

♦ J 5 3

♣ 7 6



♠ T 3
♥ 5 2
♦ A T 8 4 2
♣ Q 8 5 3

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

4♥ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set 11 8
EAST has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2 .

WEST adds her 16 to the 11 that EAST has promised as a minimum and goes straight

to 4

If EAST had significantly more than 11 he could bid on, but in this case he should happily pass.

Deal 9

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 3

♥ J 5 2

♦ A K J 4 3

♣ 8 7

12

11 11

6

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A Q T 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A Q 2

N
W E
S

♠ 9 7
♥ K 8 7 4
♦ T 8 6
♣ K T 9 4

West

Pass

All Pass

North

1♥

East

1♠

South

3♥

3♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 9
Compare this with Deal 8.

SOUTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

raise if there had been no overcall.

But when EAST puts in the bid, SOUTH can jump to 3

as a preemptive

measure. He knows NORTH won't think he has strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

NORTH does know it and passes 3

Deal 10

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 8 6 2
 ♥ A K 9 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ A 8 2

12
 13 11
 4

♠ 4 ♥ Q J ♦ A K Q 5 4 2 ♣ 9 7 6 3	♠ A K 9 7 3 ♥ 6 4 ♦ 6 3 ♣ K J T 4
♠ J T 5 ♥ T 8 7 5 2 ♦ J T 8 ♣ Q 5	

West	North	East	South
2♦	1♦	1♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
	All Pass		

4 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 10
 WEST has the strength for a raise to game in
 but this could be dangerous since EAST

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead,
 WEST shows her strength with a Support
 Cue-bid.

EAST in fact had a pretty good overcall so he
 jumps to 3 and WEST bids the game.

With a weak overcall EAST would have just
 returned to 2 which WEST would pass.

Deal 11

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 5
♥ T 7 2
♦ T 6 5 4
♣ J T 5

13
2 16
9

♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ A K 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A 8 2

N
W
E
S

♠ A K 9 7 3

♥ 6 5 4

♦ Q 3

♣ 7 6 3

♠ 4

♥ Q J 8

♦ A K J 8 2

♣ K Q 9 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set 11 11
Compare this to Deal 10.

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in
but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead,
NORTH shows her strength with a Support
Cue-bid.

SOUTH has very minimal overcall so he just
bids 2 which NORTH passes.

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

2 ♠ by South

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8
 ♥ A K T 8 7
 ♦ K Q J 4
 ♣ A K 6

8
 20 11
 1
 ♣ J 9 5 4 2

♠ A K J T 9 3

♥ 4 2

♦ 9 6

♣ T 7 3

	N		♠ Q 7 5
W		♥ Q J 9 3	
	S		♦ A T 8 2
			♣ Q 8

♠ 6 4 2
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ J 9 5 4 2

West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	2♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

6♥ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set 11 12
 WEST has a maximum 1

opening bid.

EAST would have made a Limit Raise in

s, but after NORTH's overcall she

makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

WEST thinks there may be a slam and bids 4NT Blackwood to check for Aces. When EAST admits to one Ace

WEST bids the slam.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8	♦ A 9 7 6
♥ 9 8 4	♣ A T 4
♦ K T 5 3 2	
♣ K 6 5	

14	6 2
6 11	♥ A Q J 3
9	♦ J 8 4
	♣ J 9 8 2

♠ K Q J 7

♥ T 7

♦ A 9 7 6

♣ A T 4

N	
W	E
S	

♠ A 9 5 4 3	
♥ K 6 5 2	
♦ Q	
♣ Q 7 3	

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	1♠	Dbl
	1NT	All Pass	

1 NT by North

SOUTH should pass.

Baker Bidpractice/Set 11 13
SOUTH has 9 points a a

suit - good enough to make a

Negative Double over EAST's 1 overcall.

But NORTH doesn't have

s, she has and

s, so she bids 1NT to show

her stopper and a minimum opener.

Deal 14

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 7
♥ J 8 7
♦ A K 8 6
♣ K T 4

13
13 7
7

♠ J T
♥ A K 6 4 2
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q J 7

N
W E
S

♠ A K 6 4 2
♥ 9 3
♦ T 9 7
♣ 9 8 2

♠ 8 5 3
♥ Q T 5
♦ J 4 3
♣ A 6 5 3

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

2 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 14

With five EAST bids the suit rather than making a negative double.

WEST knows this shows a 5-card suit so he can support with only three s.

EAST doesn't have anything extra so she passes 2 .

Deal 15
South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ Q 3
♥ T 6 2
♦ A J
♣ K Q J T 8 3

13
13 1
13

♠ K 9 6 2
♥ A Q 5 3
♦ 8 4
♣ A 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ T 8 5 4
♥ J 4
♦ T 9 5 3 2
♣ 9 7

♠ A J 7
♥ K 9 8 7
♦ K Q 7 6
♣ 5 4

West	North	East	South
2♣	Dbl	Pass	1♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

4♥ by North

extra strength. She is not really bidding

s on her own, she is supporting partner's suit.

NORTH has 13 points so he bids 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set11_15
NORTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

first, (up-the-line).

After WEST's overcall, NORTH makes a Negative Double, showing both Majors and at least 10 points to

make a 2-level Negative Double.

SOUTH bids 2

, showing a 4-card suit and minimum opening hand. Notice

that this is not a Reverse by SOUTH, showing

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 7 5

♥ 8 7

♦ A Q 8 6

♣ K J T

13
13 8
6

♠ 6 4
♥ K Q J T 4
♦ K 4 3
♣ A 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ A K 8 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ J T
♣ 8 6 5 3

♠ T 9 3
♥ A 5 2
♦ 9 7 5 2
♣ Q 4 2

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

2 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 16
EAST has 8 points and she makes a Negative Double of the

overcall

to show exactly four s.

WEST also has four so he bids 2 at his turn to show a minimum.

EAST is happy to pass.

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ 9 3 2
♦ J T 7 6 4
♣ A T 8 7

12
5 9
14

♠ T 2
♥ K Q J 7 6
♦ A Q 5
♣ 9 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K Q 9 7 4 3
♥ 5
♦ 8 3 2
♣ 5 4

♠ J 8 5
♥ A T 8 4
♦ K 9
♣ K Q J 2

West	North	East	South
	1♥	1♠	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 11.17SOUTH's Support Cue-bid shows at least Limit
Raise strength and

support.

NORTH has a minimum opening bid and can
only return to 3SOUTH actually has better than the 12 points
he promised, so he now bids 4

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 6 2
♥ 6 3
♦ K Q 9 7
♣ A Q 8 2

9
11
12
8

♠ K 4
♥ Q 9 4 2
♦ A T 8 2
♣ 7 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ 9 7
♥ A K J 8 7
♦ 4 3
♣ K J T 4

♠ A Q J T 5 3
♥ T 5
♦ J 6 5
♣ 9 3

West	North	East	South
Dbl	Pass	3♣	All Pass

3♣ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set 11 18

WEST has 11 points with both Minors and she doesn't want to sell out to SOUTH's 2 .

So she makes a Negative Double, effectively bidding both minors at once.

EAST has four so he bids the suit at the minimum level and WEST passes.

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ -	♦ K T 9 3
♥ J 9 8 4	♥ 6 5
♦ Q J 9 7 5 3	♦ A 4
♣ A K 4	♣ Q J 6 5 2

10	♠ A Q J 7 5 2
11 0	♥ A K Q 7
19	♦ K 2
	♣ 8

♠ K T 9 3	♦ 8 6 4
♥ 6 5	♥ T 3 2
♦ A 4	♦ T 8 6
♣ Q J 6 5 2	♣ T 9 7 3

N	S
W	E

West	North	East	South
			1♠
2♦	3♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

6♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 19
NORTH makes a Support Cue-bid of 2

to show his Limit Raise in s.

SOUTH thinks slam and bids Blackwood to make sure they aren't off two Aces.

NORTH says he has one so SOUTH bids the slam.

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 5 3

♥ K Q 8 7

♦ J 3

♣ A K 5 4

6
13 13
 8

♠ A Q 7 6 4 2

♥ 5

♦ 8 7 6 4

♣ T 3


 ♠ K J T
 ♥ T 6 4 2
 ♦ A T 9
 ♣ 9 7 6

West	North	East	South
1♣	2♠	Dbl	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

4 ♥ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 20
 EAST can't bid 3

because that would show a 5-card suit.

Instead she makes a Negative Double.

WEST has four

s and he now bids them.

EAST has 13 points so she bids 4

Deal 21North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 4 2
 ♥ T 5 3
 ♦ J T 3 2
 ♣ 8 7 5

13
 1 15
 11

♠ Q J 8 3
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ A 7 6
 ♣ K Q J 4

N		
W		E
	S	

♠ K T 6 5
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ K 5 4
 ♣ A 6 3 2

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 21

SOUTH makes a Negative Double rather than responding 1 to indicate he has just a 4-card suit.

NORTH has four so she bids 1 showing a minimum opener.

With 11 points SOUTH makes an invitational bid of 3 but NORTH declines the invitation by passing.

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♥	Dbl
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

3 ♠ by South

Deal 22

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 2	
♥ A 6 3	
♦ 8 6	
♣ A K J 6 4	

8	Q 8 6
12 12	9 7 5
8	♦ A Q 9 3
	♣ T 9 7

♠ K J T 4 3

♥ T 4

♦ K J T 5

♣ 5 3

N	
W	E
S	

♠ A 5	
♥ K Q J 8 2	
♦ 7 4 2	
♣ Q 8 2	

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♠	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

4♥ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 22
EAST has 13 points and a 5-card

suit so she should not use a Negative

Double. Instead she just bids 2

.

Knowing EAST has five

s WEST can support with just three.

EAST bids the

game.

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 8 4 3

♥ -

♦ Q 8 7

♣ K Q J T 9 7

11

12 3

14

♠ Q J 5
♥ K T 5 3
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ T 7 6 2
♥ 8 7 4 2
♦ K 9 3
♣ 5 2

♠ K 9
♥ A Q J 9 6
♦ T 5 4
♣ A 8 3

West	North	East	South
2♣	3♣	Pass	1♥ 4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 23
NORTH has a Limit Raise hand but after
WEST's overcall a 3

bid

by NORTH would be preemptive, not inviting.
Instead he makes a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has just enough that she can bid 4

, knowing that if NORTH has

a real block-buster he will bid on.

NORTH doesn't have a real block-buster.

Deal 24

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 3
♥ J 4
♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ T 9 6

4
8 18
10

♠ 6
♥ T 8 7 2
♦ J 7 5
♣ K 5 4 3 2

♠ T 5
♥ A K Q 6 3
♦ A T 8
♣ A J 7

♠ K 9 8 7 4 2
♥ 9 5
♦ K Q 3
♣ Q 8

N
W E
S

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3 NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 24

WEST has 9 points and a stopper in so she responds 1NT.

EAST has 19 points with a balanced hand so he bids 3NT.