

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

♠ -
♥ J 6
♦ A K Q T 5 3 2
♣ J 9 8 3

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 1

SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

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 sso she bids 1 ,showing a minimum opener.

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

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 3
♥ K 5 2
♦ Q 8 5 4 3 2
♣ A 3

13
9 4
14

♠ A K 6 2
♥ A T 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ Q 8 2



♠ Q 9 7
♥ J 8 7
♦ A K 6
♣ K J T 4

♠ J T 8 4
♥ Q 6 4
♦ J T
♣ 9 7 6 5

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

3NT by North

stopper he bids 1NT.

NORTH happily bids 3NT.

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 2

NORTH 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

.

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

Deal 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 5 4
♥ J
♦ A K J T 5 2
♣ T 9 8

13
9 5
13

♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ A K 5

♦ 8 4

♣ A 6 3 2



♠ A K J 7

♥ 8 7

♦ 9 7 6

♣ K Q 5 4

♠ T 3

♥ Q T 9 6 4 3 2 s.

♦ Q 3

♣ J 7

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 3

NORTH cannot respond with a Negative Double on this hand because he has only three

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

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

has enough strength to bid game.

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

4 ♠ by North

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 8
♥ K Q 7 5 4 3
♦ Q J
♣ J 3

15
12 0
13

♠ K 9
♥ 8 6 2
♦ A K 6 3
♣ K Q 7 5



♠ A T 5 3 2
♥ A J T
♦ 9 8 7
♣ A 8

♠ 7 6 4
♥ 9
♦ T 5 4 2
♣ T 9 6 4 2

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 4

NORTH has 15 points, and when West overcalls 2

in front

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

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

s, so

he bids 2NT.

NORTH is more than happy to raise to 3NT.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 2
♥ 8 5
♦ Q J T 9 5 3 2
♣ 9 7

19
3 11
7

♠ 9
♥ K Q J 7
♦ A K 6
♣ A Q T 5 4



♠ T 8 6
♥ A 9 6 4 2
♦ 8 4
♣ K 6 2

♠ A K Q J 5 4 3
♥ T 3
♦ 7
♣ J 8 3

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 5
♥ A Q J T 6 4
♦ J 8 5 3
♣ 6

9
10 7
14

♠ A K 6 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 8 2



♠ T 9 7

♥ K 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J T 4

♠ J 8 4 3
♥ 5 2
♦ Q T 4
♣ A 7 5 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

Dbl

2 ♣

Pass

All Pass

1 ♣

1NT

2 ♣ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 6

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

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

♠

stopped. He bids 1NT.

NORTH has 9 points and with four ♠ she goes back to that suit and SOUTH passes.

Deal 7

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ K Q T 6 5 4
♦ Q T 5
♣ A 7 6

9
11 6
14

♠ A K 6 3 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 9 2



♠ Q 9 7

♥ J 8 7

♦ A K 6

♣ K J T 4

♠ J T 5 4
♥ A 2
♦ J 8 4 3
♣ 8 5 3

West

1 ♥

All Pass

North

1 ♠

East

Pass

South

1 ♣

2 ♠

2 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 7

Compare this hand with Deal 6.

NORTH has five this time so she bids 1 .

SOUTH knows there

IS

an 8-card fit in so he bids 2 .

NORTH has 10 points so she passes.

Deal 8

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 8 6 4
♥ J 6
♦ J 5 3
♣ 7 6

11
8 6
15

West

1 ♠

All Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 9 7
♥ K 8 7 4
♦ K Q 6
♣ K T 9 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 5 2
♥ A Q T 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A J 2

North

2 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 ♥

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 8

NORTH has 11/12 points, a Limit Raise in

s. So after the overcall

he makes a Support Cue-bid of 2 .

SOUTH adds her 16 to the 11 that NORTH has promised as a minimum and goes straight

to 4

.

If NORTH 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



♠ 9 7
♥ K 8 7 4
♦ T 8 6
♣ K T 9 4

♠ A K J 6 4
♥ 6
♦ Q 5 2
♣ J 6 5 3

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

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

East Deals
None Vul

♠ J T 5
♥ T 8 7 5 2
♦ J T 8
♣ Q 5

13
4 12
11

♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ A K 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A 8 2



♠ A K 9 7 3
♥ 6 4
♦ 6 3
♣ K J T 4

♠ 4
♥ Q J
♦ A K Q 5 4 2
♣ 9 7 6 3

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 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 in fact had a pretty good overcall so
he jumps to 3 and NORTH bids the game.

With a weak overcall SOUTH would have just
returned to 2 which NORTH would pass.

Deal 11

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ Q J 8
♦ A K J 8 2
♣ K Q 9 4

9
16 2
13

♠ A K 9 7 3
♥ 6 5 4
♦ Q 3
♣ 7 6 3



♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ A K 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ A 8 2

♠ J T 5
♥ T 7 2
♦ T 6 5 4
♣ J T 5

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

2 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 11
Compare this to Deal 10.

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

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

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

Deal 12

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K J T 9 3
♥ 4 2
♦ 9 6
♣ T 7 3

11
8 1
20

♠ Q 7 5
♥ Q J 9 3
♦ A T 8 2
♣ Q 8



♠ 8
♥ A K T 8 7
♦ K Q J 4
♣ A K 6

♠ 6 4 2
♥ 6 5
♦ 7 5 3
♣ J 9 5 4 2

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

6 ♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 12
SOUTH has a maximum 1

opening bid.

NORTH would have made a Limit Raise in

s, but after WEST's overcall she

makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

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

SOUTH bids the slam.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8
♥ 9 8 4
♦ K T 5 3 2
♣ K 6 5

14
6 11
9

♠ K Q J 7

♥ T 7

♦ A 9 7 6

♣ A T 4



♠ 6 2

♥ A Q J 3

♦ J 8 4

♣ J 9 8 2

♠ A 9 5 4 3

♥ K 6 5 2

♦ Q

♣ Q 7 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

1♦

1NT

1♠

All Pass

Dbl

1NT by North

SOUTH should pass.

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 3
♥ Q T 5
♦ J 4 3
♣ A 6 5 3

13
7 13
7

♠ Q 9 7
♥ J 8 7
♦ A K 8 6
♣ K T 4



♠ A K 6 4 2
♥ 9 3
♦ T 9 7
♣ 9 8 2

♠ J T
♥ A K 6 4 2
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q J 7

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

2 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 14

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

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

SOUTH doesn't have anything extra so she passes 2 ♠.

Deal 15

North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 8 5 4
♥ J 4
♦ T 9 5 3 2
♣ 9 7

13
1 13
13

♠ A J 7
♥ K 9 8 7
♦ K Q 7 6
♣ 5 4



♠ K 9 6 2
♥ A Q 5 3
♦ 8 4
♣ A 6 2

♠ Q 3
♥ T 6 2
♦ A J
♣ K Q J T 8 3

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

4 ♥ by South

extra strength. She is not really bidding

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

SOUTH has 13 points so he bids 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 15
SOUTH has both Majors and planned on bidding 1

first, (up-the-line).

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

make a 2-level Negative Double.

NORTH bids 2

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

that this is not a Reverse by NORTH, showing

Deal 16

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 4
♥ K Q J T 4
♦ K 4 3
♣ A 9 7

8
13 6
13

♠ A K 8 2

♥ 9 6 3

♦ J T

♣ 8 6 5 3



♠ Q J 7 5

♥ 8 7

♦ A Q 8 6

♣ K J T

♠ T 9 3

♥ A 5 2

♦ 9 7 5 2

♣ Q 4 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

All Pass

Dbl

2 ♥

1 ♦

2 ♠

2 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 16

NORTH has 8 points and she makes a Negative Double of the

overcall

to show exactly four s.

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

NORTH 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



♠ J 8 5
♥ A T 8 4
♦ K 9
♣ K Q J 2

♠ A K Q 9 7 4 3
♥ 5
♦ 8 3 2
♣ 5 4

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

4 ♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 17
SOUTH's Support Cue-bid shows at least Limit
Raise strength and

support.

NORTH has a minimum opening bid and can
only return to 3

SOUTH actually has better than the 12 points
he promised, so he now bids 4

Deal 18

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J T 5 3
♥ T 5
♦ J 6 5
♣ 9 3

11
8 9
12

♠ 8 6 2

♥ 6 3

♦ K Q 9 7

♣ A Q 8 2



♠ 9 7

♥ A K J 8 7

♦ 4 3

♣ K J T 4

♠ K 4

♥ Q 9 4 2

♦ A T 8 2

♣ 7 6 5

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

Dbl

Pass

1 ♥

3 ♣

All Pass

3 ♣ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 18

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

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

SOUTH has four so he bids the suit at the minimum level and NORTH passes.

Deal 19

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 4
♥ T 3 2
♦ T 8 6
♣ T 9 7 3

19
0 11
10

♠ A Q J 7 5 2

♥ A K Q 7

♦ K 2

♣ 8



♠ K T 9 3

♥ 6 5

♦ A 4

♣ Q J 6 5 2

♠ -

♥ J 9 8 4

♦ Q J 9 7 5 3

♣ A K 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 19

SOUTH makes a Support Cue-bid of 2

to show his Limit Raise in s.

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

SOUTH says he has one so NORTH bids the slam.

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

6 ♠ by North

Deal 20

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 7 6 4 2
♥ 5
♦ 8 7 6 4
♣ T 3

13
6 8
13

♠ 8
♥ A J 9 3
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ Q J 8 2



♠ 9 5 3
♥ K Q 8 7
♦ J 3
♣ A K 5 4

♠ K J T
♥ T 6 4 2
♦ A T 9
♣ 9 7 6

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 20
NORTH can't bid 3

because that would show a 5-card suit.

Instead she makes a Negative Double.

SOUTH has four

s and he now bids them.

NORTH has 13 points so she bids 4

.

Deal 21

North 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



♠ K T 6 5
♥ J 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ A 6 3 2

♠ A 7
♥ A K Q 9 6 4
♦ Q 9 8
♣ T 9

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

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 8 6
♥ 9 7 5
♦ A Q 9 3
♣ T 9 7

12
8 8
12

♠ 9 7 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ 8 6

♣ A K J 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 5

♥ K Q J 8 2

♦ 7 4 2

♣ Q 8 2

♠ K J T 4 3

♥ T 4

♦ K J T 5

♣ 5 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♣

1 ♠

2 ♥

All Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

4 ♥ by South

game.

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

suit so she should not use a Negative

Double. Instead she just bids 2

.

Knowing SOUTH has five

s NORTH can support with just three.

SOUTH bids the

Deal 23

North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 7 6 2
♥ 8 7 4 2
♦ K 9 3
♣ 5 2

14
3 12
11

♠ K 9
♥ A Q J 9 6
♦ T 5 4
♣ A 8 3



♠ Q J 5
♥ K T 5 3
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 6 4

♠ A 8 4 3
♥ -
♦ Q 8 7
♣ K Q J T 9 7

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 23.
SOUTH has a Limit Raise hand but after
EAST's overcall a 3

bid

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

NORTH has just enough that she can bid 4

, knowing that if SOUTH has

a real block-buster he will bid on.

SOUTH doesn't have a real block-buster.

Deal 24

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ T 8 7 2
♦ J 7 5
♣ K 5 4 3 2

18
4 10
8

♠ T 5
♥ A K Q 6 3
♦ A T 8
♣ A J 7

 N
W E
 S

♠ A Q J 3
♥ J 4
♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ T 9 6

♠ K 9 8 7 4 2
♥ 9 5
♦ K Q 3
♣ Q 8

West

Pass

North

1 ♥

3NT

East

1 ♠

All Pass

South

1NT

Baker Bidpractice/Set11 24

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

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

3NT by North