

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

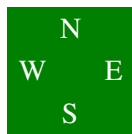
♠ 9 6
♥ A Q 6
♦ K 9 6 3 2
♣ 6 4 3

♠ K Q T 7 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 5

♣ T 8 7 2



♠ 5 4 3
♥ J T 7 4
♦ J T 8
♣ K J 5

♠ A J 8

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ A Q 9

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Notrump 13

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

With a balanced 20 point hand you open 2NT.

Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid next?

Partner is showing a 5-card ♠ suit and at least 5 points. This is a forcing bid; you are to choose between 3NT and 4 ♠, depending on your ♠ holding. With three of them you bid 4 ♠.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 9 8 3

♥ K Q 2

♦ T 7 4

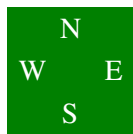
♣ 9 5 3

♠ 2

♥ 9 8 7 4

♦ Q 9 3

♣ A K J T 2



♠ A 6

♥ A J 6

♦ K J 6 2

♣ Q 8 6 4

♠ Q J T 7 5 4

♥ T 5 3

♦ A 8 5

♣ 7

West

North

East

South

Pass

1NT

All Pass

1 NT by East

Baker Notrump 14

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have 8 points. Even if partner has the maximum 17 it would only add to 25, which is probably not enough to make game. You should pass.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 7 4
♥ 6 5 4 3
♦ A J 6 5
♣ 9 7

♠ K 9 3

♥ K Q 2

♦ T 9 7 4

♣ J 5 3

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W		E
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♠ T 8 6 5

♥ J T 8

♦ K 2

♣ A 8 6 2

♠ A Q 2

♥ A 9 7

♦ Q 8 3

♣ K Q T 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

2NT

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3 NT by South

Baker Notrump 15

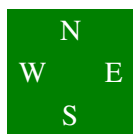
The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With 9 points you have just enough strength for an invitation. So you bid 2NT. Partner then says 3NT and everybody passes.

Board 4
 West Deals
 Both Vul

♠ A Q T
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ A J 7 3
 ♣ K T 9 6

♠ K 6 5 4
 ♥ T 9 5 4
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ J 4 2



♠ J 9 8 2
 ♥ J 8 7 3
 ♦ Q 8 5
 ♣ A 8

♠ 7 3
 ♥ A K 2
 ♦ K T 9 4
 ♣ Q 7 5 3

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3 NT by East

Baker Notrump 16
 The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

A balanced hand with 12 points. Even if partner has just 15 points you want to be in game. So you bid 3NT.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

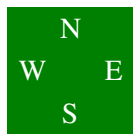
♠ K T 8
♥ A 8 2
♦ 8 5 3
♣ J 5 4 2

♠ A Q 5 2

♥ K Q 9

♦ J 7

♣ A T 9 7



♠ J 9 6 4
♥ J 6 4 3
♦ Q 2
♣ K Q 3

♠ 7 3

♥ T 7 5

♦ A K T 9 6 4

♣ 8 6

West

North

East

South

1NT

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3 NT by South

Baker Notrump 17

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have just 9 points, only 7 of which are HCP. Still, that ♦ suit is very likely to provide 5 or 6 tricks. Take a risk and bid 3NT.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 5
♥ K 6
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ K J T 7

♠ K 6 2
♥ Q T 7 4
♦ 9 8 5
♣ 9 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 7 4 3
♥ A J 9
♦ K J 2
♣ Q 6 3

♠ T 9 8
♥ 8 5 3 2
♦ T 6 3
♣ A 5 4

West	North	East	South
4NT	All Pass	1NT	Pass

4 NT by West

Baker Notrump 18

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With partner's 15, 16 or 17 points added to your 16 the total assets are 31, 32 or 33. That's only one chance in 3 of having the points you need for slam. On the other hand you have a pretty good 16. So you bid 4NT, inviting partner to bid the slam. He will pass if he has only 15, so the worst thing that can happen is that he puts you in slam with only 32 points.

So you bid 4NT and guess what? He passes.