

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ K 9 3

♥ K 7 4

♦ K 6 5

♣ T 9 7 2



♠ T 8 5 2

♥ J T 6

♦ A J 9 2

♣ A 3

♠ A 7 4

♥ A Q 8 5

♦ Q 7 4

♣ Q J 6

West

North

East

South

Pass

2NT

All Pass

1NT

2NT by North

Baker Notrump 1

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

With 4-3-3-3 distribution and 15 points this hand qualifies for a 1NT opening. You bid 1NT and partner raises to 2NT.

Partner's 2NT bid invites you to bid 3NT if you are at the top of your 15-17 point range. Since you have only 15 points you decline the invitation.

**Board 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 8 6 2  
♥ J T 2  
♦ K 2  
♣ 7 4 2

♠ T 9 3

♥ K 7 4

♦ Q J 8 5

♣ K 8 3



♠ Q 5

♥ 9 8 6 5 3

♦ A 9 6 3

♣ J 9

♠ A 7 4

♥ A Q

♦ T 7 4

♣ A Q T 6 5

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

Baker Notrump 2

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

This hand has 17 points and one of the balanced distributions. When you have a hand that meets the requirements you should open 1NT. Do not worry about the lack of a ♦ stopper, you don't have to have all the suits stopped to open 1NT. You bid 1NT and partner raises to 2NT. What do you bid next?

You should count on partner for 9 points for his invitation. Your 17 brings the total to 26 so you bid 3NT.

**Board 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 2  
 ♥ J 9 7 6 3  
 ♦ A 4  
 ♣ 7 6 4

♠ 8 6 5

♥ K 8 4

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ K 8 3



♠ K 9 4 3

♥ T 5 2

♦ K 6 3 2

♣ J 2

♠ Q J T

♥ A Q

♦ T 8 7

♣ A Q T 9 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	1NT
All Pass			3NT

3 NT by South

Baker Notrump 3

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

Of course you open 1NT. Partner responds 2NT.

What do you say?

With 15 points you decline invitations, and with 17 points you accept. But with 16 you have to use your judgement. Some players will just automatically bid 3NT when they have 16 points, preferring to err on the side of boldness than to possibly miss bidding a makeable game. Others prefer to base their decision on how good the hand looks.

With all the Ts and 9s this hand is stronger than 16 points, so you bid 3NT.

**Board 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4  
♥ T 3 2  
♦ K J 9 6 5  
♣ J 4 3 2

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 7

♦ T 8 2

♣ Q T 7 5



♠ Q J T 5

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A Q 4

♣ A 9 8

♠ 9 8 7 6 2

♥ J 6 5 4

♦ 7 3

♣ K 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	4NT	All Pass	1NT

4NT by North

Baker Notrump 4

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

You open 1NT. Again. This time partner jumps to 4NT. What do you bid?

Partner's bid is not Blackwood. It is called a Quantitative 4NT and he is telling you he has a balanced 16-17 point hand. He is inviting you to bid 6NT.

With 17 you accept invitations, with 15 you decline. You have 15 so you pass.

As you see, there are 9 easy tricks and you can probably set up another. But you have no chance to make slam.