

Board 1
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ T 6 4
 ♥ A T 6 4
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ K J 3 2

♠ 9 5 2

♥ 2

♦ A Q T 9 8 7 5

♣ 8 7

	N	
W		E
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♠ K Q J 3

♥ J 9 5

♦ K 4 3

♣ Q T 6

♠ A 8 7

♥ K Q 8 7 3

♦ J

♣ A 9 5 4

West

North
 3♦

East
 All Pass

South

3♦ by North

Baker Preempt 1

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You estimate you can win 6 ♦ tricks so you open 3♦. Everybody passes.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ K J 8 5
♦ K J 9
♣ K Q 8 3

♠ 7
♥ A 6 4 3 2
♦ Q 2
♣ A 9 7 6 5

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

♠ A 5 3
♥ Q T
♦ A T 8 7 4 3
♣ J 2

West

North

East

South

3 ♠

All Pass

3 ♠ by East

Baker Preempt 2

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You have 13 points and if partner had opened with a 1 ♠ bid you'd be feeling "jumpy". But what a preemptive bidder needs from dummy are immediate winners, not points. So you pass.

Here's a pretty good tip: When partner opens with a 3-bid and you are trying to decide whether to take him to game, visualize him holding this very hand: K Q J T x x x of trumps and nothing in any other suit. Then base your decision on that.

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 4
♥ K 9 5
♦ A Q J T 4
♣ J 9 4

♠ J 9 8 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 8 2

♣ A K 7



♠ K Q 6 5 2

♥ -

♦ K 6 3

♣ Q T 8 5 3

♠ A

♥ Q J T 8 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 6 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

4♥

All Pass

3♥

4♥ by North

Baker Preempt 3

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You expect your hand to produce 5 ♥ tricks and the ♠ A. So you open 3♥. Partner responds 4♥. What do you bid?

When you preempted 3♥ you described your hand perfectly. You have nothing more to say except pass.

Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ 8 3
 ♥ K Q T 8 7 4 2
 ♦ 8 6 2
 ♣ 5

♠ Q J T 2

♥ 6

♦ K Q 5 3

♣ K 9 6 2

♠ A K 7 6

♥ J 5 3

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♣ A 8 7 4

♠ 9 5 4

♥ A 9

♦ A J T 7

♣ Q J T 3

West

3♥

North

Pass

East

4♥

South

All Pass

4 ❤️ by East

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 6
 ♥ T 7 5 3 2
 ♦ K 8 7
 ♣ A Q 9

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 9

♦ 5 2

♣ 8 7



♠ 3
 ♥ A K J 4
 ♦ Q J T 4
 ♣ K T 5 3

♠ T 4

♥ Q 8 6

♦ A 9 6 3

♣ J 6 4 2

West

North

East

South

4♠

All Pass

4♠ by North

Baker Preempt 5

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

With 7 estimated winners and an 8-card suit you preempt 4♠. And you are not going to make it. In fact you are only going to make 8 tricks so you will go down 2.

You may be wishing that you had opened just 3♠, rather than following the guidelines and opening at the 4-level. The problem with that thinking is that the lower your preempt, the less difficult it is for the opponent's to enter the bidding. If you had opened 3♠ East might have been able to make a Takeout Double and they could have found their ♥ fit. Just visualize their combined hands; they have 9 ♥s between them, they have no ♠ losers, no ♣ losers and just one ♦ loser. If they decide to finesse your partner for the ♥Q they can make slam.

This is what preempting is all about.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

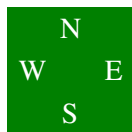
♠ T 6
 ♥ A K Q 8 5
 ♦ A K
 ♣ A 8 6 4

♠ 4 2

♥ T 7 2

♦ Q J 5 3

♣ K J 3 2



♠ A 5

♥ J 9 4 3

♦ T 7 6

♣ Q T 9 5

♠ K Q J 9 8 7 3

♥ 6

♦ 9 8 4 2

♣ 7

West

North

East

South

6 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

6 ♠ by West

Baker Preempt 6

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

If is hard to imagine any hand partner could have where the slam wouldn't be there. Maybe you should use Blackwood, just to be sure? If partner shows 1 Ace you would then bid 6 ♠. And if he shows no Aces you would then . . . bid 6 ♠ anyway. So you leave out the middle step and bid 6 ♠.

Did you think about bidding 6NT instead? Ugh, they would have led a ♣.