

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J T 4 3

♥ 9 8 3

♦ K T 7

♣ 8 2

1
6 10
23

♠ 8 7 2
♥ 7 5 4
♦ J 6 4 2
♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ 6 5
♥ Q J T 6
♦ Q 9 5
♣ K Q T 6

♠ A K 9
♥ A K 2
♦ A 8 3
♣ A J 7 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
All Pass			2NT

2NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 1
SOUTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2 .

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

NORTH is glad to hear his partner has lots of points, because he was shortchanged.

However, he must answer, so with 1 point he bids a negative 2

.

SOUTH describes her hand by saying 2NT.

NORTH does not have to bid the double negative over a 2NT bid, so he passes.

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J T 9 5
♥ T 9 4
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 6 3

5
6 7
22

♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 8 2
♦ T 9 8 6
♣ 5 4 2

♠ Q 6 4
♥ J 6 3
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A 9 8 7

♠ A 8 2
♥ A K 7 5
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q T

N
W E
S

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 2
SOUTH has a balanced hand with 22 points.
He opens 2 .

NORTH, with 5 points, must respond

. Both these

bids are artificial.

SOUTH now describes his hand by bidding 2NT.

NORTH bids 3NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 27 points.

Deal 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

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

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6.3
SOUTH opens 2 with her balanced 22 points.

NORTH has 8 points AND a 5-card suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2 .

SOUTH completes the description of her hand by saying 2NT.

NORTH does NOT rebid the this first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3NT.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 5
♥ J 6 4 3
♦ K J 3
♣ 5 3 2

4
5 9
22

♠ A 3
♥ T 9 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ 8 7 6 4

♠ J T 8 6 4
♥ -
♦ Q T 5 4
♣ K Q J 9

♠ K Q 2
♥ A K Q 7 5
♦ A 7 2
♣ A T

N
W E
S

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	.

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 4
SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2 .

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

SOUTH now shows a

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

NORTH likes

s, she has already told SOUTH she has fewer than 8 points, so she

bids 4

Deal 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 9 3
♥ Q J T 4
♦ K J T 9 7
♣ 7

4
7 3
26

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ K 5 4
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 4 3
♣ T 8 6 4 2

♠ A J 8 7
♥ A K
♦ A 8 6
♣ A K Q J

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
All Pass			3NT

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 5
SOUTH has lots of points - 26 to be exact. She opens 2 .

In the old days this hand would have been opened 3NT.

NORTH has 4 points and responds 2

.

SOUTH now shows her full strength by jumping to 3NT (25-27 points, balanced).

NORTH knows there is no slam, so he passes 3NT.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 5
♥ T 9
♦ A T 4
♣ J T 9 7 2

1
8 11
20

♠ 6 4 2
♥ 7 5 4
♦ J 7 2
♣ 8 6 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q J T 9
♥ J 3
♦ K Q 9 5 3
♣ Q 4

♠ A 7 3
♥ A K Q 8 6 2
♦ 8 6
♣ A K

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♥
All Pass			3♥

3♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 6
SOUTH has 22 points and opens 2 .

NORTH is pretty weak, right? She responds 2

SOUTH bids his suit, 2

NORTH is so weak she bids the second negative - 3 .

SOUTH rebids his suit, 3

, and NORTH passes.

Deal 7

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 7 5
♥ T 6
♦ 9 7 4
♣ J T 9 8

25
3 5
7

♠ A K 6 3
♥ A K 8 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 8
♥ 4 3
♦ T 8 6 3
♣ A 6 4 2

♠ 4 2
♥ Q J 9 7 5
♦ A 5 2
♣ 7 5 3

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

6♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 7
NORTH has a nice 2 opening hand.

With 8 points, SOUTH can make a positive response so he bids his 5-card

suit.

NORTH likes

s, knows there are at least 33 points, but needs to make

sure the opponents don't have two Aces so she uses Blackwood.

When SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH bids 6

Deal 8

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7
♥ 8 3
♦ J T 9 5 4 3
♣ T 6 3 2

♠ K Q T 2
♥ A Q J T 5
♦ A K 2
♣ K

N
W E
S

♠ 6 5 4
♥ 9 6 4
♦ Q 8 7
♣ Q J 9 5

22
1 5
12

♠ A J 9 8 3
♥ K 7 2
♦ 6
♣ A 8 7 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	7♠
Pass			

7 ♠ by South

Deal 9

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5 4 3
♥ Q T 5 3
♦ 9 7 6
♣ K 9

22
5 6
7

♠ K Q 8 6
♥ A K J 2
♦ A K Q
♣ 8 6

♠ -
N
W E
S
♦ J T 5 4 3
♣ A J T 7 4 2

♠ A J T 7 2
♥ 9 8 7
♦ 8 2
♣ Q 5 3

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 9
NORTH has a minimum 2 opening.

SOUTH, with 8 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2 .

NORTH shows the support first, to set the trump suit, and to give SOUTH an opportunity

for a move toward slam if he wants to do so.

SOUTH would now make a Control-showing bid IF HE HAD A CONTROL. Since he doesn't he just returns

to 4 which NORTH passes.

Deal 10

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 5 2
♥ J T 6
♦ Q J T 9
♣ Q 6 2

22
6 4
8

♠ A Q 9

♥ A K 2

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ J T 8 4

♥ 9 7 4 3

♦ 5 2

♣ K T 8

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q 8 5
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ 9 5 3

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 10
NORTH, with 22 points and balanced, opens
2 expecting to rebid 2NT.

But SOUTH responds a positive 2NT, showing
a balanced hand with 8 or more points.

NORTH bids what his hand is worth, 3NT and
SOUTH passes.

Deal 11
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 5 4
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q T 9 8
♣ J T 6

5
6 6
23

♠ Q J 7 2
♥ Q T 7 5
♦ 7 2
♣ 8 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ T 8 3
♥ 9 3
♦ K J 5 4 3
♣ Q 7 2

♠ A K 9
♥ A J 8 2
♦ A 6
♣ A K 9 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 11
SOUTH opens 2 and NORTH responds 2

showing fewer than 8 points.

SOUTH bids 2NT with a 23 point balanced hand.

NORTH has enough points to bid 3NT, but with two 4-card Major suits bids 3 Stayman instead. SOUTH

won't confuse this as the second negative since that bid isn't used after a 2NT rebid.

So SOUTH shows her 4-card

suit and NORTH bids 4

Deal 12North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ J T 8 2
♥ T 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ T 8 6 5

24
3 2
11

♠ A K 9
♥ A K 2
♦ A 8 3
♣ A Q 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 7 5 4
♥ J 9 7 6 4
♦ J T 9
♣ 9 2

♠ Q 6 3
♥ Q 8 5
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ K J 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
All Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT

6NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 12

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 11 points, so she responds 2NT to NORTH's 2 opening bid.

NORTH bids 3NT. This shows 22-24 points, a hand he was planning to rebid 2NT.

SOUTH knows the side has at least 33 points, but no more than 35 so she bids 6NT.

Deal 13

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 5
 ♥ Q 4
 ♦ K J 9 8 5
 ♣ A 4 2

4
 10 6
 20

♠ 7 2
 ♥ 9 7 5 3
 ♦ Q 7 4 2
 ♣ Q 9 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 4 3
 ♥ J 6
 ♦ T 6 3
 ♣ K J T 7 5

♠ A K Q 8 6
 ♥ A K T 8 2
 ♦ A
 ♣ 8 6

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

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 13
 SOUTH has both Majors and enough points to open 2 .

NORTH, with 4 points, responds with a negative 2

.

SOUTH first bids her higher ranking suit, 2 .

NORTH is too strong for second negative, he bids 2NT.

SOUTH now shows her second suit, 3

NORTH is happy to bid the game in

.

Deal 14

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 4
♥ J 7 3
♦ 9 2
♣ A 9 8 6 5

11
5 1
23

♠ K 7 3
♥ 9 8 2
♦ A Q J 8 6
♣ J 2

N
W E
S

♠ J T 9 6
♥ T 6 4
♦ T 4 3
♣ 7 4 3

♠ A Q 2
♥ A K Q 5
♦ K 7 5
♣ K Q T

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 14

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 23 points. He opens 2 and expects to rebid 2NT.

NORTH has 12 points so makes a positive response in her best suit. Since that suit is

she must jump to the 3-level.

SOUTH now describes his balanced, minimum hand by bidding 3NT.

NORTH bids 6NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 34 points.

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 8 4

♥ T 4

♦ A T 7 4

♣ T 9 7 4

8
5 2
25

♠ A T 9 7 2

♥ 9 7 5

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q 5 3

♥ 8 6 3

♦ 9 6 3

♣ 8 6 5 2

♠ K 6
♥ A K Q J 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South	4
			2♣	
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥	
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT	
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥	
All Pass				

6♥ by South

6NT. She could also have bid 6

but 6NT scores a little more.

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 15
passpass
NORTH, with 9 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2 .

SOUTH bids her

s and NORTH agrees the trump suit with a

4

bid.

SOUTH thinks there is a slam, so she invokes Blackwood. Hearing that NORTH holds two Aces she bids

Deal 16

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ J 9 3
♦ A T 9 4 3
♣ J 7 2

5
6 7
22

♠ J 4 2
♥ 8 7 5 2
♦ J 7 2
♣ K 6 3

♠ 7 6 5
♥ Q T 4
♦ K Q 5
♣ T 9 8 5

♠ A K Q T 3
♥ A K 6
♦ 8 6
♣ A Q 4

N
W E
S

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 16

NORTH has 5 points, so she responds 2

to SOUTH's opening 2 bid.

SOUTH bids his 5-card suit.

NORTH is too good for the second negative, so she supports SOUTH's .

SOUTH doesn't have enough to think about slam, so he signs off at 4 .

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 3
♥ 8 4
♦ T 7 6 3
♣ Q T 9

25
2 4
9

♠ A Q
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A Q 9 8
♣ A K 4

N
W E
S

♠ T 5 4
♥ T 9 6 3
♦ K 5
♣ J 8 7 2

♠ K J 7 2
♥ A 7 5
♦ J 4 2
♣ 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
	6NT	All Pass	

6NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 17

NORTH opens 2 with her balanced 25 points.

SOUTH has 9 points but no 5-card suit. He should make a positive response of 2NT.

NORTH figures SOUTH for 8 points and bids 6NT. If SOUTH has significantly more than

8 it will be up to him to go to 7NT. But he doesn't.

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 18

Deal 18

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 5

♦ A K 2

♣ A K 2

♠ A 9 4 3

♥ 6 4

♦ J 5 4 3

♣ Q 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ T 6 5

♥ T 9 7

♦ Q T 7

♣ J T 9 3

24
7 3
6

♠ 7
♥ K Q J 8 3 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ 8 7 4

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

Deal 19

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 4 2
♥ T 9 3
♦ T 4
♣ J 8 4 2

22
1 5
12

♠ K Q 8 7
♥ A K Q 2
♦ A K J 6
♣ 6

N
W E
S

♠ 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ A T 9 7

♠ A J T 5
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 7 2
♣ K Q 5 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
All Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠

6 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 19

After NORTH's 2 opening, SOUTH bids 2NT, showing a balanced hand of at least 8 points.

SOUTH

actually has 12 points, but the time to show the extra strength will be later.

NORTH's 3 bid is Stayman, asking SOUTH for a 4-card Major. SOUTH mentions his and

NORTH bids 4 showing a minimum 2 opener with 4 s.

Now SOUTH adds his 12 points to NORTH's 22 minimum and gets 34. He bids 6 .

Deal 20

South Deals

None Vul

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

3	10
7	20

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

N	
W	E
S	

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

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 20
NORTH has 3 points, so she responds 2

to SOUTH's opening 2 bid,

then bids 3 as a second-negative when
SOUTH bids 2 .

However, when SOUTH then bids

s, NORTH finds two more points

and bids 4

Deal 21

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 4 3
♥ J 8 4 2
♦ 9 6
♣ T 6 4

22
5 5
8

♠ Q T 8 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A K 8

♣ K Q J

N
W E
S

♠ 7 6
♥ T 9 3
♦ J 5 4 3
♣ A 9 8 2

♠ K J 2
♥ Q 7 5
♦ Q T 7 2
♣ 7 5 3

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 21
NORTH expected to open 2 then bid 2NT at her second turn.

But SOUTH, with 8 points and a balanced hand, responds 2NT, so NORTH must adapt. She shows

her minimum, balanced, 22-point hand by bidding 3NT.

Since NORTH has just the 8 points minimum that he promised, he passes 3NT.

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 22

Deal 22
 South Deals
 None Vul
 ♠ K 9 8 7
 ♥ Q J 8 2
 ♦ 9 8 6
 ♣ 7 4
 ♠ T 4
 ♥ T 9 7 6 3
 ♦ A J 5
 ♣ Q T 2

6
 7 4
 23

N
W E
S

♠ 6 5 3
 ♥ 4
 ♦ T 4 2
 ♣ K J 9 8 5 3

♠ A Q J 2
 ♥ A K 5
 ♦ K Q 7 3
 ♣ A 6

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

Deal 23

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 6 5
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ 9 5 3
 ♣ J 7 6 2

♠ A 8

♥ K Q 4

♦ A K Q J 8 6

♣ K 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ Q J 4 3
 ♥ T 8 6 3
 ♦ 4
 ♣ Q T 9 8

22
 2 5
 11

♠ K 7 2
 ♥ A 9 7 5
 ♦ T 7 2
 ♣ A 5 3

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 23

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	7NT	Pass	

7NT by North

Deal 24

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q J 5 2

♥ T 9 8 7

♦ 5

♣ 9 6 2

22
7 4
7

♠ 8
♥ A K Q 5
♦ A K 7 2
♣ K Q J 3

N
W E
S

♠ K T 6 4
♥ J 4 3
♦ T 4
♣ T 8 7 5

♠ 9 7 3
♥ 6 2
♦ Q J 9 8 6 3
♣ A 4

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

6♦ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 24

When NORTH opens 2 SOUTH has enough strength (9 points) for a positive response. But,

because her suit is

s, she must jump to 3

NORTH thinks slam and uses Blackwood to discover that SOUTH holds one Ace.

That's all SOUTH needs to know to bid 6