

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 3
♥ J 5 3
♦ K 8 7 3
♣ J 8 2

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ T 9 6
♣ A 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ A T 6
♦ J 5
♣ K 9 5 4

♠ T 8 7 6
♥ 7 4
♦ A Q 4 2
♣ Q T 7

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

4♥ by North

Baker FSF 1

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1♥. Partner rebids 1♠.

Partner shows nothing extra. All you know now is that he doesn't have 4 ♥s. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has 3 ♥s then 4♥ would be good. If not though, 3NT would be good if he has a ♦ stopper. The way to find out what he has is with Fourth Suit Forcing. So you bid 2♦. Partner answers with 2♥.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♥s. You bid the ♥ game.

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 4 3
♥ Q 7 6 4
♦ T 8
♣ 8 7 2

♠ K 7 2
♥ A J T 9 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 5
♥ K 5
♦ J 9 5 3 2
♣ K Q J 6

♠ Q 9 8 6
♥ 8 2
♦ A K 7 4
♣ A T 4

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

2 NT by South

Baker FSF 2
You are the dealer.

With 13 points you open 1♦. Partner responds 1♥.

Partner might be 4-4 in the Majors so you bid 1♠. Apparently he wasn't since he says 2♣.

This is Fourth Suit Forcing and partner may or may not have a ♣ suit. You do not have 3 ♥s. You do have a ♣ stopper, so with a minimum hand you bid 2NT and partner passes.

Board 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ J T 4
♥ A 7 3
♦ K 8 4 3
♣ J 8 2

♠ K Q 9 2

♥ T 6

♦ A J 5

♣ K 9 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 7 6 3
♥ J 5 4
♦ Q 7 2
♣ Q T 7

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ T 9 6
♣ A 6 3

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

3 NT by South

Baker FSF 3

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1♥. Partner rebids 1♠.

Partner shows nothing extra. All you know now is that he doesn't have 4 ♥s. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has 3 ♥s then 4♥ would be good. If not though, 3NT would be good if he has a ♦ stopper. The way to find out what he has is with Fourth Suit Forcing. So you bid 2♦. Partner answers with 2NT.

Partner does not have 3 ♥s, but he does have ♦s stopped. So you bid 3NT.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 9 8 3
♥ K 9 5
♦ 8 6 3
♣ J 6

♠ A K 7 5 2

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K

♣ 9 8 4

	N	E
W		E
	S	

♠ J 4
♥ Q 7 4 2
♦ J 7 2
♣ K T 5 2

♠ 6
♥ A J T
♦ Q T 9 5 4
♣ A Q 7 3

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

3 NT by South

Baker FSF 4
You are the dealer.

You open your 5-card suit, 1♦. Partner responds 1♠.

You might bid 1NT, but since you have a singleton you prefer to say 2♣.

Partner bids 2♥. What do you say?

This is Fourth Suit Forcing and partner is fishing for more information. You certainly don't have 3 of his ♠s so that is out. On the other hand, you have a double stopper in ♥s, so with 14 points you go right to 3NT.

Board 5

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 9 6 3
♥ K 9 5 2
♦ 6 4 2
♣ 9 4

♠ K J T 7

♥ Q J

♦ K Q J 9

♣ J 7 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 5 2

♥ 7 3

♦ A T 7 5

♣ Q T 5 3

♠ Q 4

♥ A T 8 6 4

♦ 8 3

♣ A K 8 2

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

3 NT by North

Baker FSF 5

You show your 4-card Major. Bid 1♠. Partner rebids 2♣. What do you say next?

You have a nice ♦ suit but don't bid it now. That would be FSF and partner would assume you didn't have a ♦ stopper.

With 13 points, bid what you expect to make, 3NT. Partner passes.

Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 2
♥ T 7 4
♦ K Q J 6 5
♣ 3 2

♠ A K 9 8 5

♥ A 5

♦ 8 7

♣ Q J 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 6 4 3
♥ J 9 2
♦ A 9 3 2
♣ 7 5

♠ 7
♥ K Q 8 6 3
♦ T 4
♣ A K T 8 6

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	

5♣ by North

Baker FSF 6
You are the dealer.

You open 1♥. As expected, partner responds 1♠.

This is easy bidding so far. You bid your second 5-card suit, 2♣.

Partner says 2♦. What do you bid?

Partner's bid is FSF. He wants to know if you have 3 ♠s, (you don't), or if you can stop ♦s, (you can't). So you have to rebid one of your 5-carders, and you should bid the lower-ranking one. You bid 3♣ and partner raises to 5♣.