

**Board 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ K Q T 8 4

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 5

♣ Q T 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7

♥ J T 8 5 2  
♦ J 4  
♣ A 9 8 4 2

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

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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NORTH has 17 points and might open 1NT. But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1 .

SOUTH has excellent support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3 which NORTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

**Board 2**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 7  
♥ T 6 4  
♦ K Q T 9 6  
♣ T 7 3

♠ J T 4 2

♥ K Q 8 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ J 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 6  
♥ A J 9  
♦ A J 2  
♣ A 8 5 2

♠ Q 9 5 3  
♥ 7 5 3  
♦ 8 4  
♣ K Q 9 6

West	North	East	South
		2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT by West

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EAST has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2 bid.

Since he has balanced distribution he opens 2NT (20-21 points).

WEST adds her 6 points to EAST's minimum and concludes they should be in game. She expects her good

suit to be useful to WEST in Notrump so she bids 3NT.

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

N
W
S

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

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

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	1NT

All Pass

1 NT by South

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NORTH has a solid 1

opening, 14 points and five trumps.

SOUTH must respond with 8 points, but cannot bid either minor suit since he needs at least

11 points to bid a new suit at the 2-level. So he bids 1NT (6-10 points).

NORTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

**Board 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q T 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6

♠ 8

♥ 8 6 3

♦ K J T 6

♣ K Q 9 8 3



♠ J 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ 8 3

♣ T 7 4

West

1♠

North

Pass

East

2♠

South

All Pass

2♠ by East

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WEST has a normal 1 opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

EAST has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2 ,

passed by WEST.

EAST does not consider showing the

s,

first because she knows there is a fit, and second because she doesn't have

the 11 points needed to bid a new suit at the 2-level.

**Board 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 6 5  
♥ J 6 4  
♦ T 7  
♣ A 6 4 2

♠ A 8 3

♥ A 7

♦ K J 9 6 4

♣ Q J 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 2  
♥ T 8 5 3  
♦ 8 3 2  
♣ 9 7 3

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

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	6NT

All Pass

6NT by South

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With balanced distribution and 16 points NORTH  
should open 1NT rather than 1

SOUTH's response is based on simple math. He adds his 18 points to the 15 minimum that NORTH has announced and

comes up with 33 points combined. This is enough for a small slam, and since he has balanced distribution

he bids 6NT.

**Board 6**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J T 9 6  
 ♥ A 7  
 ♦ A Q 6  
 ♣ A K 7

♠ 7 5 3

♥ 9 8

♦ K J T 9

♣ J 6 4 2



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

♠ A 8 2  
 ♥ K J 5 4 3 2  
 ♦ 7 4  
 ♣ T 3

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

3NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 12  
 WEST is right at the maximum for a 1 opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2 .

EAST does not have 3-card support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1NT (6-10 points).

WEST is fine with Notrump so he bids 3NT.