

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ A K Q 9 8 3

♥ 2

♦ A K

♣ K Q J 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

5 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 7 1  
SOUTH's 3<sup>rd</sup> supporting bid is enough to convince NORTH to make a slam try.

NORTH bids Blackwood 4NT. If SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH plans to bid 6 but

when SOUTH bids 5 NORTH settles for 5

**Board 2**

North Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ A 6 4

♥ K J 9

♦ A K Q J 9

♣ K Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

6♥ by North

## Baker Bidpractice/Set 2

SOUTH makes a positive 3

response to NORTH's 2 opener.

This promises at least 8 points and a 5-card suit with two or more honors.

NORTH only needs to know one thing - how many Aces in the SOUTH hand.

A Blackwood 4NT tells her the answer is one, so she bids 6

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 6 5 4  
 ♥ A 9 8 5  
 ♦ T 7 5  
 ♣ T 8

♠ A 9 7

♥ Q J 4 2

♦ K Q 8 6

♣ A 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6 NT by South

## Baker Bidpractice/Set 3

When NORTH opens 1NT, point-count alone tells SOUTH that 6NT can surely be made.

NORTH is bound to hold at least two Aces. But SOUTH doesn't want to miss a Grand slam.

SOUTH bids 4 (Gerber), and NORTH admits to just two Aces.

So SOUTH settles for the small slam.

**Board 4**

North Deals

Both Vul

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

♠ J 9 5 2

♥ A J 7 4 3

♦ A Q

♣ 9 8

	N		♠ 8
W		♥ 9 8 6	
	E		♦ T 9 8 4
S			♣ Q T 7 5 2

♠ A K Q 6 4 3  
♥ K 5  
♦ K 7 3  
♣ A K

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

7NT by South

## Baker Bidpractice/Set 7 4

SOUTH has a powerhouse and knows she will reach a slam somewhere. When NORTH

supports the ♠ it seems she has found her spot.

Blackwood tells her that NORTH has two Aces.

She can see there are 12 tricks available and decides to take a chance that

NORTH will have a thirteenth trick somewhere among his opening hand points.

She bids 7NT.

**Board 5**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 8 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 5 4

♣ A 9 4 3 2

♠ J 7 3

♥ A J T 9 8

♦ 8 3 2

♣ Q 8



♠ T 5 4

♥ 4 3

♦ A T 9 7 6

♣ T 7 5

♠ A K 2

♥ K Q 6 5

♦ K Q J

♣ K J 6

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

5♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 7 5  
SOUTH is tempted to go right to 6

when she hears NORTH's positive

response. BUT, she should use Blackwood first.

It's good thing she did because NORTH admits to only one Ace - they are missing two Aces.

**Board 6**

North Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ K Q 4

♥ A 8

♦ K Q J T 7 3

♣ K 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6 NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6  
 NORTH not only has 20 points, he also has a lot of winners.

So when SOUTH jumps to 2NT, showing 13-15 points, NORTH uses Gerber.

SOUTH shows two Aces so NORTH decides 6NT will be just right.