

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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

5 ♠ by South

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

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

when NORTH bids 5 SOUTH 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

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

6 NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 3

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

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

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

So NORTH 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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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

5♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 7 5

NORTH is tempted to go right to 6

when she hears SOUTH's positive

response. BUT, she should use Blackwood first.

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