

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8 7 6

♥ 7 4

♦ A Q 4 2

♣ Q T 7

♠ K Q 9 2

♥ A T 6

♦ J 5

♣ K 9 5 4



♠ 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

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

4♥ by South

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 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

3 NT by North

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	
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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

3 NT by South

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.