

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 5

♥ 9 6 5

♦ 9 5 4

♣ Q 8 4

♠ A J T 8 2

♥ A K 8 2

♦ Q 2

♣ T 5

	N	♠ 6 3
	W	♥ J T 4
	E	♦ T 8 6
	S	♣ A 7 6 3 2

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

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

3 NT by North

Baker 2 over 1 21  
 North opens 1♠. South responds 2♦, a 2/1 force to game.

North's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit.  
 Remember that South might also have 4 ♥s.

South doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s.  
 She does, however, have stoppers in ♣s so she bids 2NT. North happily says 3NT.

**Board 2**

South Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ 7 4

♥ K Q 3

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ T 9 7

N
W
E
S

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

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

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

All Pass

3 NT by South

Baker 2 over 1 22

South opens 1♠. North responds 2♦, a 2/1 force to game.

South's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that North might also have 4 ♥s.

North doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. Furthermore, she does not have stoppers in ♣s so she cannot bid NT. Since she has to keep bidding, but has no reasonable bid she can make, she bids the fourth suit, 3♣. Compare this Deal with Deal 21.

South understands that North's ♣ bid is Fourth-Suit-Forcing, and does not actually show ♣s. However since South does have a ♣ stopper he bids 3NT. In this case this turns out to be the best game contract.

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 6 5 3  
♥ 7 5 4  
♦ K Q  
♣ J 9 2

♠ T 8 2

♥ A 2

♦ A 8 5 4 2

♣ Q 8 5



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

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

2 ♠ by North

Baker 2 over 1 23  
North passes and South opens 1♠.

North now bids 2♦. Since North originally passed this is NOT 2/1 Game Force. Instead, it is forcing for one round and shows 11 or more points.

South next shows her 4-card ♥ suit. North gives a preference to 2♠.

Knowing that North does not have opening strength South passes 2♠.

**Board 4**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 9 8

♥ Q 5 2

♦ Q J 9 3

♣ 9 4 2

♠ 7 4

♥ 9 8 6 3

♦ A 7 6 2

♣ K Q 3



♠ J 5 3

♥ K J T

♦ K T 5

♣ J T 7 6

♠ K Q T 6 2

♥ A 7 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 5

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

2 ♠ by North

Baker 2 over 1 24

South opens 1♠. With 9 points and a doubleton ♠

North must respond 1NT.

In standard bidding South would happily pass a 1NT response. But in 2/1 the 1NT response is forcing for 1 round. South is forced to bid a 3-card minor so he says 2♣.

North prefers ♣ over ♠ but must allow for the possibility that South has bid a 3-card suit. So North gives a preference to 2♠. This is called a "false preference", but it assures the team of being in at least a 7-card fit.

South happily passes and the pair lands in a reasonable contract, probably better than 1NT.