

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 5
♥ Q J T 6
♦ Q 9 5
♣ K Q T 6

23
10 6
1

♠ A K 9
♥ A K 2
♦ A 8 3
♣ A J 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ Q J T 4 3
♥ 9 8 3
♦ K T 7
♣ 8 2

♠ 8 7 2
♥ 7 5 4
♦ J 6 4 2
♣ 9 5 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
	2NT	All Pass	

2 NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 1

NORTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2 .

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

SOUTH is glad to hear his partner has lots of points, because he was shortchanged.

However, he must answer, so with 1 point he bids a negative 2

.

NORTH describes her hand by saying 2NT.

SOUTH does not have to bid the double negative over a 2NT bid, so he passes.

Deal 2East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 8 2
♦ T 9 8 6
♣ 5 4 2

7
5 22
6

♠ Q 6 4

♥ J 6 3
♦ 7 5 3

♣ A 9 8 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J T 9 5
♥ T 9 4
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 6 3

West	North	East	South
2♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2NT	Pass

3NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 2
EAST has a balanced hand with 22 points. He opens 2 .

WEST, with 5 points, must respond

. Both these

bids are artificial.

EAST now describes his hand by bidding 2NT.

WEST bids 3NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 27 points.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ A 9 8 6
 ♥ T 9 8 3
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ J 8 2

7
 5 6
 22

<p>♠ Q J T 7 2 ♥ A 5 ♦ 7 4 2 ♣ 6 5 3</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ 5 4 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ K J T 3 ♣ Q T 9 7</p>
<p>♠ K 3 ♥ K Q J 2 ♦ A Q 9 8 ♣ A K 4</p>		

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6.3
 SOUTH opens 2 with her balanced 22 points.

NORTH has 8 points AND a 5-card suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2 .

SOUTH completes the description of her hand by saying 2NT.

NORTH does NOT rebid the this first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3NT.

Deal 4
 West Deals
 Both Vul

♠ K Q 2
 ♥ A K Q 7 5
 ♦ A 7 2
 ♣ A T

5
 22 4
 9

♠ 9 7 5
 ♥ J 6 4 3
 ♦ K J 3
 ♣ 5 3 2

N
 W E
 S

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

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

4♥ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 4
 WEST has 23 points and opens 2 .

EAST, with 4 points, must respond 2

WEST now shows a

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

EAST likes

s, she has already told WEST she has fewer than 8 points, so she

bids 4

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 5 4

♥ 8 6 2

♦ 4 3

♣ T 8 6 4 2

26

3 7

4

♠ A J 8 7

♥ A K

♦ A 8 6

♣ A K Q J



♠ T 9 3

♥ Q J T 4

♦ K J T 9 7

♣ 7

♠ Q 6 2

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 5 2

♣ 9 5 3

West

North

East

South

2♣

Pass

2♦

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 5

NORTH has lots of points - 26 to be exact. She opens 2 .

In the old days this hand would have been opened 3NT.

SOUTH has 4 points and responds 2

.

NORTH now shows her full strength by jumping to 3NT (25-27 points, balanced).

SOUTH knows there is no slam, so he passes 3NT.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 7 5 4

♦ J 7 2

♣ 8 6 5 3

♠ Q J T 9

♥ J 3

♦ K Q 9 5 3

♣ Q 4



♠ A 7 3

♥ A K Q 8 6 2

♦ 8 6

♣ A K

11
1 20
8

♠ K 8 5
♥ T 9
♦ A T 4
♣ J T 9 7 2

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6
EAST has 22 points and opens 2 .

WEST is pretty weak, right? She responds 2 .

EAST bids his suit, 2 .

West

North

East

South

2♦

Pass

2♣

Pass

3♣

Pass

3♥

All Pass

WEST is so weak she bids the second negative - 3 .

EAST rebids his suit, 3 .

3♥ by East

, and WEST passes.

Deal 7

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 7 5
♥ T 6
♦ 9 7 4
♣ J T 9 8

25
3 5
7

♠ A K 6 3
♥ A K 8 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 8
♥ 4 3
♦ T 8 6 3
♣ A 6 4 2

♠ 4 2
♥ Q J 9 7 5
♦ A 5 2
♣ 7 5 3

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

6♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 7
NORTH has a nice 2 opening hand.

With 8 points, SOUTH can make a positive response so he bids his 5-card

suit.

NORTH likes

s, knows there are at least 33 points, but needs to make

sure the opponents don't have two Aces so she uses Blackwood.

When SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH bids 6

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8

Deal 8

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 8 3
♥ K 7 2
♦ 6
♣ A 8 7 4

♠ 7		♠ K Q T 2
♥ 8 3		♥ A Q J T 5
♦ J T 9 5 4 3		♦ A K 2
♣ T 6 3 2		♣ K
	N	
	W E	
	S	
1	♠ 6 5 4	
12 22	♥ 9 6 4	
5	♦ Q 8 7	
	♣ Q J 9 5	

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

7♠ by West

Deal 9
 South Deals
 E-W Vul
 ♠ -
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ J T 5 4 3
 ♣ A J T 7 4 2

7
6 5
22

N		
W		E
		S

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 9
 SOUTH has a minimum 2 opening.

NORTH, with 8 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2 .

SOUTH shows the support first, to set the trump suit, and to give NORTH an opportunity

for a move toward slam if he wants to do so.

NORTH would now make a Control-showing bid IF HE HAD A CONTROL. Since he doesn't he just returns

to 4 which SOUTH passes.

Deal 10

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q 9

♥ A K 2

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 7 4

4	
22	8
6	

♠ J T 8 4

♥ 9 7 4 3

♦ 5 2

♣ K T 8

	N	
	W	
	E	
	S	

♠ K 6 3

♥ Q 8 5

♦ K 7 6 4

♣ 9 5 3

♠ 7 5 2	
♥ J T 6	
♦ Q J T 9	
♣ Q 6 2	

West	North	East	South
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 10
 WEST, with 22 points and balanced, opens 2 ,
 expecting to rebid 2NT.

But EAST responds a positive 2NT, showing a balanced hand with 8 or more points.

WEST bids what his hand is worth, 3NT and EAST passes.

Deal 11
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 5 4
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q T 9 8
♣ J T 6

5
6 6
23

♠ Q J 7 2
♥ Q T 7 5
♦ 7 2
♣ 8 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ T 8 3
♥ 9 3
♦ K J 5 4 3
♣ Q 7 2

♠ A K 9
♥ A J 8 2
♦ A 6
♣ A K 9 3

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

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 11
SOUTH opens 2 and NORTH responds 2

showing fewer than 8 points.

SOUTH bids 2NT with a 23 point balanced hand.

NORTH has enough points to bid 3NT, but with two 4-card Major suits bids 3 Stayman instead. SOUTH

won't confuse this as the second negative since that bid isn't used after a 2NT rebid.

So SOUTH shows her 4-card

suit and NORTH bids 4

Deal 12

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 6 3
♥ Q 8 5
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ K J 3

11 24
 3
 2

♠ J T 8 2

♥ T 3

♦ Q 5 2

♣ T 8 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 5 4
♥ J 9 7 6 4
♦ J T 9
♣ 9 2

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 12

WEST has a balanced hand with 11 points, so she responds 2NT to EAST's 2 opening bid.

EAST bids 3NT. This shows 22-24 points, a hand he was planning to rebid 2NT.

WEST knows the side has at least 33 points, but no more than 35 so she bids 6NT.

West	North	East	South
		2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

6NT by West

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 3
♥ J 6
♦ T 6 3
♣ K J T 7 5

20
6 10
4

♠ A K Q 8 6

♥ A K T 8 2

♦ A

♣ 8 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 5
♥ Q 4
♦ K J 9 8 5
♣ A 4 2

♠ 7 2
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ Q 7 4 2
♣ Q 9 3

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

4♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 13

NORTH has both Majors and enough points to open 2 .

SOUTH, with 4 points, responds with a negative 2

NORTH first bids her higher ranking suit, 2 .

SOUTH is too strong for second negative, he bids 2NT.

NORTH now shows her second suit, 3

SOUTH is happy to bid the game in

S.

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 3
♥ 9 8 2
♦ A Q J 8 6
♣ J 2

1
11 23
5

♠ J T 9 6

♥ T 6 4

♦ T 4 3

♣ 7 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 2
♥ A K Q 5
♦ K 7 5
♣ K Q T

♠ 8 5 4
♥ J 7 3
♦ 9 2
♣ A 9 8 6 5

West	North	East	South
3♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
6NT	All Pass	3NT	Pass

6NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 14

EAST has a balanced hand with 23 points. He opens 2 and expects to rebid 2NT.

WEST has 12 points so makes a positive response in her best suit. Since that suit is

she must jump to the 3-level.

EAST now describes his balanced, minimum hand by bidding 3NT.

WEST bids 6NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 34 points.

Deal 15
South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ J 8 4
♥ T 4
♦ A T 7 4
♣ T 9 7 4

8
5 2
25

♠ A T 9 7 2
♥ 9 7 5
♦ 8 5 2
♣ A 3

N ♠ Q 5 3
W ♥ 8 6 3
E ♦ 9 6 3
S ♣ 8 6 5 2

♠ K 6
♥ A K Q J 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South	
			2♣	4
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥	
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT	
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥	bid.
All Pass				

6♥ by South

6NT. She could also have bid 6

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 15
pass

pass
NORTH, with 9 points and a 5-card suit,
should make a positive response, 2 .

SOUTH bids her

s and NORTH agrees the trump suit with a

SOUTH thinks there is a slam, so she invokes
Blackwood. Hearing that NORTH holds two
Aces she bids

but 6NT scores a little more.

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K Q T 3

♥ A K 6

♦ 8 6

♣ A Q 4

6
22 5
7
 ♠ 9 8
 ♥ J 9 3
 ♦ A T 9 4 3
 ♣ J 7 2

 N
 W E
 S

 ♠ J 4 2
 ♥ 8 7 5 2
 ♦ J 7 2
 ♣ K 6 3

 ♠ 7 6 5
 ♥ Q T 4
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ T 9 8 5

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

4 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6 16
 EAST has 5 points, so she responds 2

to WEST's opening 2 bid.

WEST bids his 5-card suit.

EAST is too good for the second negative, so she supports WEST's .

WEST doesn't have enough to think about slam, so he signs off at 4 .

Deal 17

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 5 4

♥ T 9 6 3

♦ K 5

♣ J 8 7 2

9
4 2
25

♠ K J 7 2

♥ A 7 5

♦ J 4 2

♣ 6 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 8 6 3

♥ 8 4

♦ T 7 6 3

♣ Q T 9

♠ A Q
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A Q 9 8
♣ A K 4

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 17
 SOUTH opens 2 with her balanced 25 points.

NORTH has 9 points but no 5-card suit. He should make a positive response of 2NT.

SOUTH figures NORTH for 8 points and bids 6NT. If NORTH has significantly more than

8 it will be up to him to go to 7NT. But he doesn't.

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 18

Deal 18

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 8 2
 ♥ A 5
 ♦ A K 2
 ♣ A K 2

3
 24 6
 7

♠ T 6 5
 ♥ T 9 7
 ♦ Q T 7
 ♣ J T 9 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ 7
 ♥ K Q J 8 3 2
 ♦ 9 8 6
 ♣ 8 7 4

♠ A 9 4 3
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ J 5 4 3
 ♣ Q 6 5

West	North	East	South
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

6♥ by West

Deal 19

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 4 2
♥ T 9 3
♦ T 4
♣ J 8 4 2

22
1 5
12

♠ K Q 8 7
♥ A K Q 2
♦ A K J 6
♣ 6

N
W E
S

♠ 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ A T 9 7

♠ A J T 5
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 7 2
♣ K Q 5 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
All Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠

6 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 19

After NORTH's 2 opening, SOUTH bids 2NT, showing a balanced hand of at least 8 points.

SOUTH

actually has 12 points, but the time to show the extra strength will be later.

NORTH's 3 bid is Stayman, asking SOUTH for a 4-card Major. SOUTH mentions his and

NORTH bids 4 showing a minimum 2 opener with 4 s.

Now SOUTH adds his 12 points to NORTH's 22 minimum and gets 34. He bids 6 .

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K Q 6 3
 ♥ A K T 9 6
 ♦ T 6
 ♣ A

7
 20 3
 10

♠ J 9 4
 ♥ 8 7 4
 ♦ A 5 4
 ♣ Q 9 8 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ 2
 ♥ Q J 5 2
 ♦ 9 8 7 2
 ♣ T 7 6 3

♠ T 8 7 5
 ♥ 3
 ♦ K Q J 3
 ♣ K J 5 2

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

4♥ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 20
 EAST has 3 points, so she responds 2

to WEST's opening 2 bid,

then bids 3 as a second-negative when WEST bids 2 .

However, when WEST then bids

s, EAST finds two more points

and bids 4

Deal 21

South Deals

N-S Vul

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

8	5	22
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♠ K J 2	♥ Q 7 5	♦ Q T 7 2
♣ 7 5 3		

N		
W	E	
S		

♠ Q T 8 5	♥ A K 6	♦ A K 8
♣ K Q J		

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♣
All Pass			3NT

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 21
SOUTH expected to open 2 then bid 2NT at her second turn.

But NORTH, with 8 points and a balanced hand, responds 2NT, so SOUTH must adapt. She shows

her minimum, balanced, 22-point hand by bidding 3NT.

Since SOUTH has just the 8 points minimum that he promised, he passes 3NT.

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 22

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 8 7
 ♥ Q J 8 2
 ♦ 9 8 6
 ♣ 7 4

♠ 6 5 3
 ♥ 4
 ♦ T 4 2
 ♣ K J 9 8 5 3

N		E
W		S

♠ A Q J 2
 ♥ A K 5
 ♦ K Q 7 3
 ♣ A 6

4
 6 23
 7

♠ T 4
 ♥ T 9 7 6 3
 ♦ A J 5
 ♣ Q T 2

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

4 ♠ by West

Deal 23

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 6 5
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ 9 5 3
 ♣ J 7 6 2

♠ A 8

♥ K Q 4

♦ A K Q J 8 6

♣ K 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 4 3
 ♥ T 8 6 3
 ♦ 4
 ♣ Q T 9 8

22
 2 5
 11

♠ K 7 2
 ♥ A 9 7 5
 ♦ T 7 2
 ♣ A 5 3

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 23

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	7NT	Pass	

7NT by North

Deal 24

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 3	♥ 6 2	♦ Q J 9 8 6 3	♣ A 4
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7	22	4	
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♠ A Q J 5 2

♥ T 9 8 7

♦ 5

♣ 9 6 2

N		
W		E
S		

♠ 8	♥ A K Q 5	♦ A K 7 2	♣ K Q J 3
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♠ K T 6 4	♥ J 4 3	♦ T 4	♣ T 8 7 5
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West	North	East	South
3♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

6♦ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 24

When EAST opens 2 WEST has enough strength (9 points) for a positive response. But,

because her suit is

s, she must jump to 3

EAST thinks slam and uses Blackwood to discover that WEST holds one Ace.

That's all WEST needs to know to bid 6