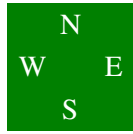


Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A T 9 4
♥ A 5
♦ J 9 4 3
♣ T 7 4

♠ J 6
♥ K Q T 8 3 2
♦ A 7
♣ A K 3



♠ 8 7 5 2
♥ 7
♦ K Q T 5
♣ Q J 8 2

♠ K Q 3
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 5

raise shows 6-10 points and a least three trumps.

NORTH, with 19+ points, decides that game is almost a certainty and bids 4

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	All Pass	

4 ♥ by North

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 3
♥ 7 4 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ Q 7 5 2

♠ T 9 7

♥ A 9 6

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ K 8 4



♠ J 6 5 2
♥ Q J 5 2
♦ A 2
♣ T 9 3

♠ A Q 4

♥ K T 8

♦ J T 9 5

♣ A J 6

West

North

East

South

Pass

3NT

All Pass

1NT

3 NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 2

SOUTH has an ideal 1NT opening -

15 points and balanced distribution.

With 12 points, NORTH knows the partnership total is between 27 and 29, enough for game

but not enough to think about slam. Since NORTH has no 4-card Major suit she bids 3NT.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8
 ♥ 8 7 4 3 2
 ♦ A K J
 ♣ J T 7 4

♠ K T 7 3

♥ K 6

♦ T 7 5 4

♣ 8 5 2

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♠ A 9 5 2

♥ Q J T

♦ Q 9 6 3

♣ Q 9

♠ Q J 6 4

♥ A 9 5

♦ 8 2

♣ A K 6 3

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

2 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 3

With 6 points, NORTH must respond to SOUTH's 1 opening bid.

While it is often correct to respond by bidding suits "up-the-line", NORTH should

skip over the weak

suit in favor of showing the 4-card

Major suit.

SOUTH knows that NORTH may only have four s, but with four of her own she can support the

suit. Since she has a minimum opening bid she merely raises to 2 .

With his minimum response hand NORTH passes.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 8 4 3

♥ J 5 3

♦ J 7 2

♣ J 9

♠ 7 5

♥ T 9 8 4

♦ K 9 4

♣ K 8 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 2

♥ 6

♦ Q T 8 6

♣ A Q T 7 3

♠ Q J 6

♥ A K Q 7 2

♦ A 5 3

♣ 6 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♥

Pass

3♥

All Pass

3♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 4

With 17 points SOUTH is not strong enough to insist
on game after NORTH's raise,

but is strong enough to invite with a 3

bid.

NORTH, however, doesn't have anything extra, so
declines to go further.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7
♥ A 7 5 2
♦ T 8 3
♣ T 4 3 2

♠ A 8 3 2

♥ K T 9

♦ A J 7

♣ K Q 6



♠ K Q 6 5

♥ 8 6 3

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 8 7

♠ T 9 4

♥ Q J 4

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ J 9 5

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3 NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 5

This is a classic Notrump bidding sequence.

NORTH opens 1NT with 17 points and balanced distribution.

SOUTH, with 9 points is not strong enough to bid game, but invites with 2NT.

NORTH has a maximum, so she accepts the invitation.