

**Board 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ T 6 2  
♥ A T  
♦ T 9 8 4 2  
♣ T 9 2

♠ A K J 9 8 3

♥ 7

♦ A K J 3

♣ 7 5

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ 5

♥ K Q J 8 4 3

♦ 7 6

♣ K Q J 4

♠ Q 7 4

♥ 9 6 5 2

♦ Q 5

♣ A 8 6 3

| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
|          |       | 1 ♥  | Pass  |
| Pass     | Dbl   | Pass | 2 ♣   |
| Pass     | 2 ♠   | Pass | 4 ♠   |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

4 ♠ by South

opening is passed around to NORTH. He is

tempted to overcall 1 but with 18 points is a little strong for a mere overcall.

Instead, he doubles.

With 8 points SOUTH is not strong enough to jump. She bids 2 .

NORTH now bids 2 By doubling first, then bidding his own suit,

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

SOUTH raises to 4 .

**Board 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ T 6 3  
 ♥ T 5 3 2  
 ♦ T 3  
 ♣ T 7 4 2

♠ 8 7

♥ A 9 7 6

♦ A 6 2

♣ K 9 6 3

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|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ K Q 5 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ K J 9 8 5

♣ J

♠ A J 9

♥ K Q 8

♦ Q 7 4

♣ A Q 8 5

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

3 NT by North

**Baker Bidpractice/Set10 8**

SOUTH has 18 points, a balanced hand, and a good stopper in their suit. He should overcall 1NT.

For 1NT overcalls, the range is increased to 15-18 points.

NORTH bids 2 (Stayman), just as she would with a 1NT opening. When SOUTH denies holding

a 4-card Major NORTH has enough points to bid 3NT. She doesn't worry about a stopper

since SOUTH promised he had the suit controlled.

**Board 3**

West Deals

None Vul

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

♠ A 8 6

♥ K Q J

♦ A J 9 7

♣ K Q 4

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ J T 5 2

♥ 7 6 4 2

♦ 8 6

♣ J 8 6

♠ K Q 9 7 3

♥ T 8 5

♦ T

♣ 9 5 3 2

West

1 ♦

Pass

North

Dbl

1NT

East

Pass

All Pass

South

1 ♠

1 NT by North

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NORTH has 20 points, excellent

stoppers and a balanced hand.

She is two points too strong to overcall 1NT. Instead, she doubles.

SOUTH has an awful hand - but since he is forced to bid he says 1 ♠ assuming NORTH wants

to hear his best suit.

NORTH now bids 1NT, showing the balanced 19-21 point hand. SOUTH passes, of course.

**Board 4**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

♠ T 9 8 5  
 ♥ 9 4  
 ♦ T 9 6 2  
 ♣ 5 3 2

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



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

♠ Q 7 4  
 ♥ A Q T  
 ♦ K J 7 5  
 ♣ A K 6

| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
|          |       | 1 ♥  | Dbl   |
| Pass     | 2 ♠   | Pass | 3NT   |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

3 NT by South

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 SOUTH has a 19 point balanced hand, including a stop in

s.

He plans to double, then bid NT. (see Deal 9)

NORTH has 10 points though, so he jumps to 2 .

In theory SOUTH could now bid 2NT to continue the description of his hand, but he might as well

go ahead and bid 3NT instead.

**Board 5**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ -  
♥ K Q T 7 3  
♦ A 9 8 7 5  
♣ Q 5 3

♠ A Q T 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ Q T

♣ A 9 7 4

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ 9 8 7 6

♥ J 9 2

♦ 6 4

♣ K T 8 6

♠ K J 4 2

♥ A 8 5

♦ K J 3 2

♣ J 2

West

1 ♥

Pass

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

East

Pass

All Pass

South

3 ♠

4 ♠ by North

**Baker Bidpractice/Set10 11**

With a 5-card suit and 13 points NORTH should overcall 1 .

SOUTH has 13 points and four . If NORTH had opened, SOUTH's hand would be good enough

to insist on game. But since NORTH overcalled, SOUTH merely invites with a jump to 3 .

NORTH has better than a minimum overcall so she accepts the invitation and bids 4 .

**Board 6**  
 West Deals  
 E-W Vul

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

♠ K J 6 4  
 ♥ J T 7 5  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ A K J 3



♠ T 9 7 5  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ Q 9 8 7 3  
 ♣ T 7 2

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

| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♦      | Dbl   | Pass | 4 ♥   |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

4 ♥ by South

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 NORTH has a very minimum Takeout Double of 1

. But what it lacks

in strength, it makes up for with perfect distribution.

SOUTH has 13 points and only wants to play in one contract, 4

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NORTH passes happily.