

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 5

♥ 7 3

♦ T 9 3

♣ A K J 6 2

♠ K Q J 4 2

♥ K 5

♦ A 5 2

♣ 7 5 3



♠ T 9

♥ A 9 6 4

♦ Q J 7 4

♣ T 9 8

13

8 7

12

♠ A 7 3

♥ Q J T 8 2

♦ K 8 6

♣ Q 4

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

4 ♠ by North

**Baker Bidpractice/Set12 1**  
NORTH's 2

bid is New Minor Forcing.

NORTH chose

s rather than simply

because the

s were stronger.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

6  
 8 16  
 10

♠ A T 9 6 2

♥ 5

♦ T 9 7 3

♣ Q T 4

N
W
E
S

♠ K 5  
 ♥ A J 9 6 2  
 ♦ A K  
 ♣ J 8 5 2

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

West	North	East	South	.
2♥	Pass	1♥	Pass	
3♥	All Pass	3♣	Pass	

3♥ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 2  
 EAST is unlikely to win 10 tricks if WEST has three losers.

EAST's 3 bid is a Help Suit Game try.

With no help in sand no ruffing values,  
 WEST's 8 points are

not enough to think of game, so WEST signs off in 3

**Deal 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 4 3

♥ A 3

♦ 7 5 3 2

♣ 9 6 5 2

14  
6 7  
13

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

3 NT by South

**Baker Bidpractice/Set12 3**  
 NORTH's 3

bid is Fourth Suit Forcing and

does NOT show a

stopper.

The bid asks SOUTH to further describe her hand.

SOUTH does not have a rebiddable suit, but does have

s stopped so she bids 3NT.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

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

**11**  
**12**    **10**  
    7

♠ A J T 3

♥ J 4

♦ J 8 6 5

♣ A 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

2NT by West

s.

But he does have

s stopped, so bids 2NT. East is not strong

enough to bid game so she passes.

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 4  
EAST cannot rebid the 5-card suit, cannot support WEST's

s,

and cannot bid Notrump without a

stopper.

So she bids 3 New Minor Forcing, asking WEST to describe his hand further.

WEST doesn't have three s nor does he have four

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J  
♥ Q 9 8 2  
♦ Q 8 5 2  
♣ A Q 9 8

**14**  
11    8  
    7

♠ A K T 6 2

♥ A 4 3

♦ K 9 6 4

♣ 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 8 7  
♥ K J T 6  
♦ 7  
♣ K J T 4 3

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
All Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

**Baker Bidpractice/Set 12 5**  
 NORTH's 3

bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

SOUTH has excellent help in

s

so with 8 points he bids the game.

**Deal 6**East Deals  
E-W Vul

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

6		7
14	13	
7		

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

♠ K 9 6 4 2

♥ 9 2  
 ♦ 8 3

♣ Q J 9 7

N		
W	E	
S		

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

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

3NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 6

WEST has no reason to consider New Minor Forcing with this hand.

EAST does not have four

s or he would have already supported, and

he does not have four   or he would not have bid 1NT.

So WEST should bid the Notrump game.

**Deal 7**

North Deals

None Vul

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

13	7	8	12
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♠ K 6 4	♦ J T
♥ K Q 9 7 4	♦ A 6 3
♦ 4	♦ Q J T 8 7 3
♣ A J 6 5	♣ 7 2

  

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

N	
W	E
S	

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set12.7  
SOUTH might well bid 3NT at his second turn,  
and this may turn out to be the

final contract anyway.

But it doesn't hurt to bid 2

(Fourth Suit Forcing) just to

see if NORTH happens to have three    sShe  
does, so 4    becomes the better game.

**Deal 8**West Deals  
None Vul

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

8	♠ T 4
13	♥ 3 2
13	♦ J T 7 5 3
6	♣ K Q T 9

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

N	♠ A K 7 6 3
W	♥ K T 8 4
S	♦ K 4
E	♣ 5 2

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

4♥ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 8  
 WEST isn't strong enough to make a Reverse bid of 2

at his second turn.

EAST uses the 2

(NMF) bid to ask WEST for further description.

WEST should first show a 4-card

suit, and next show 3-card support.

Change WEST's

9 to the ♠nd the contract would be 4 .

**Deal 9**  
South Deals  
E-W Vul

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

14  
12    9  
      5

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

N  
W   E  
S

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

♠ K 9 4 2  
♥ 8  
♦ 8 7 5 4 2  
♣ Q 9 7

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 9  
NORTH's 3

bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

SOUTH barely had enough strength to respond in the first place, but revaluing the hand,

(and particularly the singleton

), makes it worth a

raise to game.

**Deal 10**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K T
♥ A 9 7 5 4
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ 9 6

8
12 13
7

♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ J 3

♦ A J T 3

♣ 7 5 2

N
W
E
S

♠ A J 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ 8 7 4

♣ A J T 3

♠ 9 4 3
♥ Q T 8 2
♦ 9 5
♣ K Q 8 4

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

3NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 10  
 EAST has no reason to consider Fourth Suit Forcing with this hand.

WEST does not have four or he would have already supported.

So EAST should bid the Notrump game.

**Deal 11**

South Deals

None Vul

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

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 11  
SOUTH should pass 2

. She is not strong enough to

try for game.

West      North      East      South  
Pass      2♥      All Pass

2♥ by North

**Deal 12**

West Deals

N-S Vul

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

8  
13    13  
6

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

N  
W    E  
S

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

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

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

3NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set12\_12  
EAST knows there should be game, but doesn't know whether it will be 4 ,

4

or 3NT. To find out which she uses NMF and

bids 2 at her second turn.

WEST does not have a 4-card

suit, nor does he have

three but he does have stopped so he bids 2NT, which East raises to 3NT.

**Deal 13**

North Deals

None Vul

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

**16**  
 6      10  
 8

♠ A J  
 ♥ K Q J 8 4  
 ♦ A 5  
 ♣ J 5 4 2

N
W
E
S

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
All Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥

4♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 12 13  
 NORTH cannot see a game unless SOUTH has help in so she makes a Help Suit Game Try.

SOUTH has 8 points and the doubleton K Q so he bids the game.

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

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

5  
13 14  
8

♠ 7 6 3 2

♥ 8

♦ A J 8 5 2

♣ T 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ A J T  
♥ A Q T 3  
♦ 9 4  
♣ Q J 6 4

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

3NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 14  
WEST has a perfect hand on which to use Fourth Suit Forcing. If East can stop

then 3NT would be a great contract.

There is one problem - if WEST bids 1 at her second turn it is NOT considered

FSF, so she must jump to 2 .

EAST, win a fine stopper, bids 3NT.

**Deal 15**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 9  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ Q J T 9 6  
 ♣ T 9 8 6 2

12  
 7 8  
 13

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

4♥ by North

first priority.

**Baker Bidpractice/Set12 15**  
 NORTH's 2

bid is a perfect example of NMF.

It provides SOUTH with the opportunity to show either a 4-card

suit,

OR 3-card support.

In this hand SOUTH actually has both. When that happens, showing the

s is

**Deal 16**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 9 7  
 ♥ 8 7  
 ♦ A K J 6 2  
 ♣ T 2

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

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

N	♠ Q T 8 3
W	♥ A K 6 5
S	♦ T
E	♣ A 9 8 4

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

4♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 16

WEST's 1 bid is definitely forcing, but it is not FSF. In this one instance, all

bids at the one level, the bid shows a real suit.

So EAST shows the 4-card support and WEST bids game.

**Deal 17**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 5 3 2  
♥ J 4  
♦ K 4 2  
♣ Q T 3

14  
9 10  
7

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
All Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥

4♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 12 17  
NORTH could make a Help Suit Game Try in either or s.

But she doesn't need the help as much as she does in so she chooses s.

SOUTH doesn't have a strong hand but has excellent help in s

so he bids the game.

**Deal 18**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J T 5

♥ T 9 6

♦ K 7

♣ A Q J 3

7  
14 13  
6

♠ 9 7 4 3

♥ A Q 4

♦ J T 3

♣ 5 4 2

N  
W E  
S

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

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

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

3NT by East

suit and bid 3NT.

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 18  
Could EAST bid 2

, (FSF), even though she actually has the suit?

Perhaps, but there is no reason to do so. WEST does not have four

s

or he would have mentioned them before bidding s.

EAST should ignore the

**Deal 19**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 2

♥ J T

♦ J T 4

♣ K J 9 6 2

13  
6 9

12

♠ Q 5 4

♥ 7 6

♦ A K 9 8

♣ A 8 7 4

N
W
E
S

♠ A K T 6 3
♥ K Q 9 8 5
♦ 6 3
♣ 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 19  
 SOUTH cannot bid 2

at his second turn; that would be

Fourth Suit Forcing and wouldn't show the

suit at all.

With a game-forcing two-suiter he jumps to 3

instead.

NORTH recognizes that SOUTH must hold five and bids the game.

**Deal 20**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 8 5	♦ A 5	♥ K Q J 6 2	♣ 6 4 3
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7	12	11	10
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♠ A J 4 3 2

♥ T 9

♦ 8 5 3

♣ Q 7 5

N		
W		E
S		

♠ K 7 6	♦ A 9 4	♥ K J 8 7 3	♣ 9 2
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♠ T 9	♦ T 7	♥ Q 6 4 2	♣ A K J T 8
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West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

2♦ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 20  
EAST bids 2 as New Minor Forcing, hoping  
WEST has three

s.

WEST does not have three

s and he has no other bid to make that

will describe his hand any better. He cannot bid  
Notrump again without a stopper.

So WEST rebids the 5-card

suit.

EAST has nowhere to go, so passes.

**Deal 21**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

12  
8      7  
13

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

N  
W     E  
S

♠ K 7 2  
♥ 7  
♦ Q T 8 7 2  
♣ Q 8 6 3

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

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

4♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 21  
SOUTH should not use Fourth Suit Forcing to see if NORTH holds three because

that information is irrelevant.

SOUTH already knows there is an 8-card

fit and enough

points to be in game so he bids it.

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

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

8  
7 16  
9

**♠ 4**  
**♥ A T 8**  
**♦ A 9 7 6**  
**♣ T 9 8 7 4**

N  
W E  
S

**♠ A K J 8 6**  
**♥ J 5 3**  
**♦ 3**  
**♣ A K 6 3**

**♠ T 7 5 2**  
**♥ K Q 9**  
**♦ Q J 5 4**  
**♣ J 2**

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

3 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 22  
 EAST thinks there might be game if WEST can help with the three

losers. So he bids 3

as a Help Suit Game Try.

WEST cannot provide any help at all, so quickly signs off in 3 which EAST passes.

**Deal 23**

North Deals

None Vul

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

13  
8      9  
10

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

N  
W     E  
S

♠ Q T 3  
♥ T 8 7  
♦ T 8  
♣ A K 9 7 2

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

## Baker Bidpractice/Set12 23

SOUTH bids 2 as New Minor Forcing, hoping NORTH will show three s.

NORTH does show three but also shows a minimum hand so South passes.

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

2 ♠ by North

**Deal 24**

West Deals

None Vul

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

5  
13 13  
9

♠ J 4 3 2

♥ 8 3

♦ T 6 3

♣ A T 9 2

N
W
E
S

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

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

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

Baker Bidpractice/Set12 24

EAST wants to be in game but doesn't know which one.

If WEST holds three

s she would prefer 4

,

otherwise she would try 3NT. EAST bids 2 ,  
Fourth Suit Forcing.

WEST denies three

3NT by East

s but confirms a honor by

bidding 2NT, so EAST bids the game in Notrump.