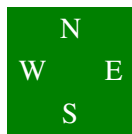


**Board 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6NT by South

**Baker Bidpractice/Set3 11**

With balanced distribution and 16 points NORTH  
should open 1NT rather than 1

SOUTH's response is based on simple math. He adds  
his 18 points to the 15 minimum that NORTH has  
announced and

comes up with 33 points combined. This is enough  
for a small slam, and since he has balanced  
distribution

he bids 6NT.

**Board 2**

North Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ Q J T 9 6

♥ A 7

♦ A Q 6

♣ A K 7



♠ 7 5 3

♥ 9 8

♦ K J T 9

♣ J 6 4 2

♠ K 4

♥ Q T 6

♦ 8 5 3 2

♣ Q 9 8 5

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

3 NT by North

**Baker Bidpractice/Set3 12**

NORTH is right at the maximum for a 1 opening bid

- one more point and he would

have opened 2 .

SOUTH does not have 3-card support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1NT (6-10 points).

NORTH is fine with Notrump so he bids 3NT.

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ Q J T 8 3

♥ A J 4

♦ A T

♣ 9 6 2

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♠ 7 2

♥ 9 8 3 2

♦ 9 8 6 4

♣ A K 4

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ K Q 5

♦ K Q J 7

♣ 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠
All Pass			

6 ♠ by South

SOUTH has heard enough and bids 6 .

**Baker Bidpractice/Set3 13**

NORTH has a minimum 1 opening bid - 13 points  
 and five trumps. She doesn't even suspect

what's about to befall!

SOUTH hears the 1 bid and all he wants to know is  
 whether NORTH has one, two or three Aces.

So he uses the Blackwood convention, 4NT.

NORTH has two Aces so she bids 5

(5 would show zero Aces,

5

would show one Ace, etc).

**Board 4**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

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



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

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

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

4 ♥ by West

since two trumps is now adequate support.

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 14  
 SOUTH has an above-minimum strength hand with a good 6-card suit. He opens 1

NORTH, with 9 points, is a little too weak to bid at the 2-level so she bids a catchall 1NT.

SOUTH shows his 6-card suit and extra strength by jumping to 3

, which

NORTH raises to 4

**Board 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ K Q 7 4

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 6 2

♣ A K Q 2



♠ A 9 5 2

♥ J 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ T 9 5 3

♠ J T 8 3

♥ A Q 7 4

♦ J 5 3

♣ 7 6

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

2 ♠ by South

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NORTH has 14 points and opens her 4-card ♠ suit.

SOUTH must respond, and with two 4-card Majors bids them "up-the-line", saying 1

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NORTH now shows his 4-card ♥ suit, and SOUTH again must bid. Since SOUTH is pretty weak he just

raises to 2 ♠ which NORTH happily passes.