

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 4
♥ K 8 6 5
♦ J 8 6 5
♣ K 2

15
7 6
12

♠ K Q 7
♥ A T 4
♦ K 9
♣ Q J T 8 5



♠ A T 9 2
♥ Q 9 7 3
♦ A Q 4
♣ 9 6

♠ J 6 3
♥ J 2
♦ T 7 3 2
♣ A 7 4 3

West

Pass
All Pass

North

1NT
2♦

East

Pass
Pass

South

2♣
3NT

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 1

SOUTH's 2 bid is Stayman, asking for a 4-card Major.

NORTH's 2

bid denies four cards in either Major.

SOUTH knows there is no 8-card Major fit. He also knows the partnership has at least 26 points

so he bids 3NT.

3NT by South

Deal 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 8 7 5 4
♥ 8 6
♦ K Q 3
♣ 7 2

6
9 15
10

♠ A 9 6
♥ T 5 2
♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ Q 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ 3 2
♥ A J 7 4
♦ J T 7
♣ K J 9 3

♠ Q T
♥ K Q 9 3
♦ A 5 2
♣ A T 8 6

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

4♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 2

WEST, with 11 points and six s, knows immediately that the final contract will be 4

since the partners must have at least eight s and at least 26 points.

She concludes that it might be better for EAST to be the Declarer so she bids 2

as a Jacoby Transfer. When EAST makes the required 2 bid she just bids 4 which

closes the auction with EAST as Declarer.

Deal 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q T
♥ 8
♦ A J T 4 3
♣ T 9 6 5 2

10
7 7
16

♠ 6 4 3
♥ A K J 7 6 5
♦ 8 2
♣ Q 7



♠ K 7 5
♥ Q 9 3
♦ K 7 5
♣ A K J 3

♠ A J 9 8 2
♥ T 4 2
♦ Q 9 6
♣ 8 4

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

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 3

NORTH knows the partnership has a fit in

s since SOUTH

must have at least a doubleton. He also knows the partnership holds at least 27 points.

He prefers SOUTH be the Declarer, (to protect against

the opening lead), so he uses a Jacoby Transfer.

The contract might go down if played by NORTH, but is odds on when played by SOUTH.

Deal 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 6 5
♥ A T 4
♦ Q J 9 7
♣ K 8

6
17 9
8

♠ Q T 2
♥ 9 7 3 2
♦ A 8 5
♣ 7 4 2



♠ J 9 8 4
♥ J 5
♦ T 6 3
♣ A Q 6 3

♠ 7 3
♥ K Q 8 6
♦ K 4 2
♣ J T 9 5

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

3NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 4
EAST, with 9 points and a 4-card

suit is just strong

enough to use Stayman.

WEST shows 4 and EAST describes her minimum hand with no fit by bidding 2NT.

WEST has a maximum 1NT opening and bids 3NT.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 5 3 2
♥ 7 4
♦ T 9 8
♣ K Q 4 2

16
7 7
10

♠ K J 4
♥ Q T
♦ K Q J 6
♣ A 9 7 3



♠ A 9
♥ A J 9 8 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ J 8 6

♠ T 8 7 6
♥ K 6 5 2
♦ A 4 3
♣ T 5

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

3NT by South

suit.

Since NORTH has only a doubleton

she passes 3NT.

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 5
SOUTH has 11 points and five

s, so she responds

2

as a Jacoby Transfer.

When NORTH bids the required 2

, SOUTH jumps to 3NT

to show at least 11 points, but only a 5-card

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 8 7 6 3 2
♥ 8 5
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 5 3

10
2 17
11

♠ T 9 4
♥ K Q 9 2
♦ K J T
♣ J 8 7



♠ A
♥ J T 4 3
♦ Q 7 6 2
♣ A T 6 2

♠ K J 5
♥ A 7 6
♦ A 8 3
♣ K Q 9 4

West

2♥

North

Pass

East

1NT

2♠

South

Pass

All Pass

2♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 6

EAST, with a balanced 17 point hand naturally opens 1NT.

WEST has a really awful hand, but she does hold six s.

So she uses Jacoby Transfer, and when EAST bids 2 she passes!

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J T 8 4
♥ K
♦ Q T 9 8
♣ Q 9 6 5

12
8 5
15

♠ A K 7 2

♥ A J 8 6

♦ 5 3

♣ T 8 4



♠ Q 6 3

♥ Q T 9 2

♦ A 7 6

♣ A K 3

♠ 9 5

♥ 7 5 4 3

♦ K J 4 2

♣ J 7 2

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 7

NORTH has four cards in each Major suit - this is an ideal situation for Stayman.

SOUTH shows a

suit and NORTH immediately bids game in that suit.

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

4♥ by North

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ K T 6 2
♣ A Q

6
21 6
7

♠ J 6 3
♥ J 9 7
♦ Q J 9 5 4
♣ J 9



♠ T 5
♥ T 5 4
♦ A 8
♣ K T 7 4 3 2

♠ K 9 7 4
♥ K 8 6 2
♦ 7 3
♣ 8 6 5

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

4 ♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 8

Stayman convention works just fine after a 2NT opening, just at a higher level.

EAST knows that 6 points will be enough for game opposite WEST's 20-21, she just

needs to find out if there is a 4-4 Major suit fit. There is, in s.

Deal 9

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ 7 6 5 4
♦ K 3
♣ 7 4 3

16
6 9
9

♠ A J T
♥ K 9
♦ A 8 7 2
♣ A T 9 6



♠ Q 9 8 7 4
♥ A J T 8 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 5

♠ 2
♥ Q 2
♦ J T 9 5 4
♣ K Q J 8 2

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

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 9

SOUTH has five cards in each Major and NORTH opens 1NT.

First SOUTH bids 2

, indicating a 5-card suit with the Transfer bid.

Then, after NORTH bids the obligatory 2 , SOUTH jumps to 4

, promising

enough strength for game, and also five

4 ♠ by North

s to go with the five s.

NORTH prefers so she corrects the contract to 4 .

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 5 4 2
♥ 8 7
♦ A 8
♣ Q 7 6 4

6
11 15
8

♠ J 8 7 3

♥ A 4 3

♦ 9 7 6

♣ J T 9



♠ T

♥ J T 9 5

♦ Q J T 4

♣ A 5 3 2

♠ A 9 6

♥ K Q 6 2

♦ K 5 3 2

♣ K 8

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 10

With 12 points and five when WEST hears
her partner open 1NT she knows

there is a game - either 3NT or 4 .

WEST first transfers EAST to then jumps to
3NT, giving EAST the choice.

EAST has three so he chooses 4 taking the
8-card Major fit.

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

4 ♠ by East

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J T 5 3

♥ 8

♦ 7 5

♣ Q 8 7 6 3

10

7 3

20

♠ 7 4

♥ K Q J 7 5 4 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ 9



♠ K 8 6

♥ A 9 3

♦ K Q 8

♣ A K J 2

♠ Q 9 2

♥ T 6

♦ J T 6 4 3

♣ T 5 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

3♦

Pass

3♥

Pass

4NT

Pass

5♥

Pass

6♥

All Pass

6♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 11

After SOUTH opens 2NT, NORTH is pretty sure there will be a slam in

s.

But, the contract should be played from the SOUTH side so the opening lead doesn't go through any vulnerable

holding SOUTH might have.

NORTH transfers SOUTH to

s, then uses Blackwood to be sure they aren't

off two Aces. Missing one Ace he settles for 6

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K J 5 3
♦ A 6 5 4
♣ K T 7

7
15 9
9

♠ 7 3 2

♥ T 4

♦ J 9 3

♣ A Q 8 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q J T 4

♥ A 9 8 6 2

♦ Q T 2

♣ 4

♠ K 9 8 5

♥ Q 7

♦ K 8 7

♣ J 9 6 5

West

1NT

2♥

North

Pass

Pass

East

2♣

2NT

South

Pass

All Pass

2NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 12

EAST has an invitational hand, (9 points), after WEST's 1NT opening.

With a 4-card suit she uses Stayman.

WEST then shows his 4-card

suit.

With no

fit, EAST can only invite with 2NT, an invitation which

WEST declines.

Deal 13

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J T 3 2
♥ T 4 2
♦ 7
♣ A J 8 7 5

11
6 7
16

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A K 5 3

♦ J 8

♣ 6 4



♠ A 7 5

♥ Q J 6

♦ A K 5 2

♣ Q T 9

♠ Q

♥ 9 8 7

♦ Q T 9 6 4 3

♣ K 3 2

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 13

Because NORTH holds a 4-card Major suit, (

s), he starts his

responses with Stayman.

SOUTH denies holding any 4-card Major suit so NORTH gives up on

West

North

East

South

s.

Pass

2♣

Pass

2♦

He next bids s,showing five of them. He jumps to 3 giving SOUTH the choice

Pass

3♠

Pass

4♠

between 4 or 3NT.

All Pass

4♠ by South

With three trumps SOUTH chooses 4 .

Deal 14

East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 6 5
♥ K 7 6 4
♦ A 3 2
♣ 5 4

9
9 17
5

♠ T 2
♥ T 8 5
♦ K Q T 9 6
♣ A 9 3



♠ J 9 4
♥ A 9 3
♦ 8 7 4
♣ T 8 7 2

♠ A K 7 3
♥ Q J 2
♦ J 5
♣ K Q J 6

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 14

WEST has a poor 9 points, but does have two 4-card Majors. So he uses Stayman.

When EAST bids 3♠ WEST isn't strong enough to bid game herself, so she temporizes

with a 3 invitation.

EAST has a full 17 points so he accepts the invitation.

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 2
♥ J T 8 6 3
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ A K 6

7
8 8
17

♠ J T 8 7 6 5

♥ 9

♦ A Q 5

♣ T 7 2



♠ K Q

♥ A Q 7 5

♦ K T 9

♣ Q J 8 4

♠ A 9 4 3

♥ K 4 2

♦ J 7 6

♣ 9 5 3

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

4♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 15

NORTH, with 9 points and a 6-card suit, knows they should play in s.

The question is: how high?

NORTH transfers SOUTH to then invites by raising to 3 .

SOUTH has only two trumps, (good ones, admittedly), but she has a maximum 17 point hand.

So she bids the game.

Deal 16

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ Q J T 7 5
♦ K 6
♣ 8 3

8
8 17
7

♠ A T 8
♥ 2
♦ J T 9 8 5 4
♣ K 9 5

N
W E
S

♠ 9 6 3
♥ 9 8 4 3
♦ 7 3
♣ A Q J 4

♠ K J 5
♥ A K 6
♦ A Q 2
♣ T 7 6 2

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

4♥ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 16

WEST, with a 5-card AND a 4-card Major first uses Stayman.

EAST denies a 4-card Major, so WEST realizes that are out.

He then bids

s, promising five of them.

EAST not only has three

s, she also has 17 points so

she bids 4

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9
♥ A 8 3
♦ J T 4 3
♣ K 6 5 4

17
8 7
8

♠ A K J 5

♥ K 6

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ T 7 2



♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ Q J T 7 5

♦ K 7

♣ 8 3

♠ 8 6 3

♥ 9 4 2

♦ 9 8 5

♣ A Q J 9

West

North

East

South

Pass

1NT

Pass

2♣

All Pass

2♠

Pass

4♠

4♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 17

This is a companion hand to Deal 16.

NORTH shows four following SOUTH's Stayman bid.

So SOUTH ignores her five

s, having already found

an 8-card Major suit fit. With the fit her hand now revalues to 11 points so she bids 4 .

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ Q J T 7 5
♦ K 7
♣ 8 3

6
8 17
9

♠ T 9 6 3

♥ A 9 8

♦ 9 8 5

♣ Q 9 4



♠ J 8

♥ 4 3 2

♦ J T 4 3

♣ A K 6 5

♠ A K 5

♥ K 6

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ J T 7 2

West

North

East

South

2♣

Pass

2♦

Pass

2♥

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 18

This is companion #3 to Deal 16 and 17.

WEST again starts with Stayman, and after EAST denies a 4-card Major,

WEST shows her five

s.

But in this Deal EAST has only a doubleton

, so he

chooses to play 3NT.

Deal 19

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 3
♥ T 9 4
♦ K T 4 2
♣ T 8 4

16
7 7
10

♠ K J
♥ A K 6
♦ J 9 5 3
♣ K J 9 6



♠ Q T 8 6 5 4
♥ Q 7 5 3
♦ 7
♣ A Q

♠ 9 2
♥ J 8 2
♦ A Q 8 6
♣ 7 5 3 2

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 19
Even with a 6-card suit SOUTH uses Stayman because he also has a 4-card

suit. Given a choice, playing a 4-4 Major fit is usually

preferable to a 6-2 or even a 6-3 fit.

But here NORTH doesn't have four

s so SOUTH just bids

the game where he knows the partnership holds eight trumps.

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 7
♥ K J 6 5
♦ A 8 4
♣ K Q T 8

5
17 14
4

♠ T 8 4
♥ A 7 2
♦ T 9 7 6 2
♣ J 7



♠ J 9 6 5 2
♥ -
♦ Q J 3
♣ 9 6 4 3 2

♠ K Q 3
♥ Q T 9 8 4 3
♦ K 5
♣ A 5

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 20

WEST breaks the expected Transfer sequence by jumping to 3

instead

of bidding just 2

. This is called the "Super Accept" and it shows

a hand with four of the trump suit with maximum point count.

EAST's bid and WEST's

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

6♥ by East

bid are Control bids, showing first

round control of the suit that was bid.

Deal 21

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 2
♥ J 8 7 6
♦ 7 5 4
♣ K J T 9

17
5 7
11

♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ A Q 9 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ A 6



♠ K J T 3
♥ K 5
♦ A 9 3
♣ 8 7 4 2

♠ A 8 4
♥ T 4 2
♦ J T 6 2
♣ Q 5 3

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

4 ♠ by North

So NORTH bids 4 .

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 21

SOUTH uses Stayman because he has a 4-card suit.

NORTH's 2

response wasn't exactly what SOUTH was hoping for,

so SOUTH decides to bid 3NT.

NORTH absolutely knows that SOUTH holds a 4-card Major -

and also knows that it isn't

s.

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 9 7 4
♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ T 8 7 6
♣ 4

11
3 17
9

♠ 8 3 2
♥ J 5
♦ K 9 4
♣ A K 8 6 5



♠ K Q 5
♥ T 9 3
♦ J 2
♣ Q J 7 3 2

♠ A T 6
♥ A K 7 4
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ T 9

West

2♣

North

Pass

East

1NT

2♥

South

Pass

All Pass

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 22

WEST has a rotten hand, and many players would just pass 1NT.

But WEST figures that having EAST play any 4-4 fit would be better than 1NT so

he bids 2 Stayman. This is called "Garbage Stayman", and you can see why.

EAST bids 2

and WEST passes. He would have passed

either 2 or 2

2♥ by East

also.

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 8 5 4
♥ T 6 4
♦ 9 7
♣ A 6 5 2

11
4 8
17

♠ K J 7 3

♥ Q 9 5

♦ K T 4

♣ Q 9 3



♠ A Q 6 2

♥ K J 8

♦ A 6 2

♣ K 8 7

♠ 9

♥ A 7 3 2

♦ Q J 8 5 3

♣ J T 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

3NT

All Pass

1NT

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 23

Just having a 4-card Major doesn't mean you must automatically use Stayman.

Here NORTH has a 4-card suit, but decides not to seek a 4-4 fit because his

hand wouldn't have any ruffing values in a contract. He bids 3NT.

Notice that even though SOUTH also has four the 4-4 fit is not useful to them in

a contract because neither hand can ruff any losers.

Deal 24

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 7
♥ K J 5 4
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A 5

8
17 8
7

♠ 2
♥ A 8 6
♦ 9 8 5 2
♣ K J 9 7 3



♠ A 9 5 3
♥ T 9 2
♦ J T 4
♣ Q 6 2

♠ Q T 8 6 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ A 6
♣ T 8 4

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

4♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 24

EAST has an invitational (9 point) hand with five s.

She bids it in the standard way - first transfer WEST to then invite

the game by bidding 2NT.

WEST, with 17 points and three s accepts the game invitation and chooses 4 .