

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 6

♥ Q J 6 4

♦ A 7 4

♣ K T 9 7

♠ A K 9 8 7 3

♥ 8 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ J 4



♠ 5 4

♥ A T 3

♦ J T 5 3

♣ A 8 6 2

♠ Q J 2

♥ K 9 7 5

♦ K Q 2

♣ Q 5 3

West	North	East	South
	2♠	All Pass	

2 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 1

NORTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2 .

SOUTH will be tempted to respond with his opening hand and good trump support, but he should

resist the temptation. To raise a Weak Two-bid to game you should have quick winners, not just points.

Board 2

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 6 5
♥ Q 6 4 3
♦ K 5 4 3
♣ T 8 6

♠ Q J 2

♥ A K 7 5
♦ A 7 2

♣ A 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ T 4

♥ J T 9
♦ Q J T

♣ K Q 9 7 2

♠ A K 9 8 7 3
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ J 4

West North East South
Pass 4♠ All Pass

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 5 2
SOUTH has the same hand as in Deal 1 and again
opens 2 .

This is the type of hand NORTH needs to bid game.
Notice that even with all those winners the

pair is nowhere close to having a slam. They will
probably make just ten tricks.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

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

N	♠ T 5
W	♥ K 6 4
E	♦ K J 4 3
S	♣ A 9 6 2

♠ Q J 6 2
♥ 7 5
♦ A 7 2
♣ Q 7 5 3

West	North	East	South
	2♠	Pass	4♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 5 3

Once more, NORTH has the same hand as Deals 1 and 2.

This time SOUTH has a very poor hand without any chance of making game. However, he should bid

4 anyway.

It is very likely that the opponents can make 4

if West gets the

opportunity to get into the bidding. Hopefully the 4 bid will shut him out, and 4 probably

won't go down more than a couple of tricks.

Board 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J T 9 2
♥ Q 4 3
♦ A 4
♣ K T 6 4

♠ K Q 7 6

♥ A 6 2

♦ 5 3

♣ A Q 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8 5

♥ K J T 9 7

♦ T 7

♣ J 5 2

West North East South
3♦

All Pass

3♦ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 5 4
SOUTH has a pretty normal preemptive 3

bid.

NORTH has the equivalent of an opening 1NT bid and will be very tempted to bid 3NT.

That might turn out to be a disaster, particularly if NORTH is unable to reach the SOUTH hand.

NORTH should assume SOUTH can win six tricks if

s are trumps. Thinking this way points NORTH to her

best call - PASS.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 5
♥ T 6 5
♦ J 9 8 3 2
♣ A T

♠ 8 7

♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2

♦ 5

♣ 8 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 2

♥ 8 4

♦ Q T 7

♣ K Q J 5 3 2

♠ A J T 6 4 3

♥ A

♦ A K 6 4

♣ 9 7

West	North	East	South
	3♥	Pass	4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 5.5

Here SOUTH has the kind of hand you need to raise a preempt to game.

SOUTH assumes that NORTH has a hand with six winners in it. He can provide four more, so

that is just enough for game. He bids 4

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Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

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

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

♠ A Q J 9 7 6 5
♥ Q T 2
♦ 7
♣ 6 3

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 5 6
 SOUTH has a 7-card suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens 1 instead.

NORTH should respond 2 and SOUTH can do nothing but rebid the suit.

NORTH thinks there should be game and bids 4