

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 6
♥ Q J 6 4
♦ A 7 4
♣ K T 9 7

8
10 9
13

♠ A K 9 8 7 3

♥ 8 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ J 4



♠ Q J 2

♥ K 9 7 5

♦ K Q 2

♣ Q 5 3

♠ 5 4

♥ A T 3

♦ J T 5 3

♣ A 8 6 2

West

North
2 ♠

East
All Pass

South

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.

Deal 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 2
♥ A K 7 5
♦ A 7 2
♣ A 5 3

9
18 8
5

♠ T 4
♥ J T 9
♦ Q J T
♣ K Q 9 7 2



♠ 6 5
♥ Q 6 4 3
♦ K 5 4 3
♣ T 8 6

♠ A K 9 8 7 3
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ J 4

West	North	East	South
4 ♠	All Pass	2 ♠	Pass

4 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 2

EAST has the same hand as in Deal 1 and again opens 2 .

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

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

Deal 3

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ T 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ K J 4 3
♣ A 9 6 2

9
11 12
8

♠ Q J 6 2
♥ 7 5
♦ A 7 2
♣ Q 7 5 3



♠ A K 9 8 7 3
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ J 4

♠ 4
♥ A Q J T 9 3
♦ Q T 5
♣ K T 8

West

North

East

South
2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 3

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

This time NORTH 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 East 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.

Deal 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q J 9 8 6 2
♣ 9 7

10
6 15
9

♠ J T 9 2
♥ Q 4 3
♦ A 4
♣ K T 6 4



♠ A 8 5
♥ K J T 9 7
♦ T 7
♣ J 5 2

♠ K Q 7 6
♥ A 6 2
♦ 5 3
♣ A Q 8 3

West
3 ♦

North
All Pass

East

South

3 ♦ by West

to her

best call - PASS.

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 4
WEST has a pretty normal preemptive 3

bid.

EAST 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 EAST is unable to reach the WEST hand.

EAST should assume WEST can win six tricks if

s are trumps. Thinking this way points EAST

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 5
♥ T 6 5
♦ J 9 8 3 2
♣ A T

6
8 10
16

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2
♦ 5
♣ 8 6 4



♠ A J T 6 4 3
♥ A
♦ A K 6 4
♣ 9 7

♠ Q 2
♥ 8 4
♦ Q T 7
♣ K Q J 5 3 2

West

North

East

South

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

All Pass

4 ♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 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

.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 4
♥ K J 5
♦ 9 4 2
♣ K Q J 7 2

8
13 9
10

♠ T 8 3
♥ A 9 3
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ T 8 5



♠ 2
♥ 8 7 6 4
♦ K Q J T 8
♣ A 9 4

♠ A Q J 9 7 6 5
♥ Q T 2
♦ 7
♣ 6 3

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 6

EAST has a 7-card suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens 1 instead.

WEST should respond 2 and EAST can do nothing but rebid the suit.

WEST thinks there should be game and bids 4

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

4 ♠ by West

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A J 8 3 2
♥ 6 2
♦ T 9
♣ T 9 8 6

21
5 5
9

♠ K Q
♥ Q J
♦ A K Q 6 5
♣ K J 4 2



♠ 7 6 4
♥ A K 9 7 4 3
♦ 7 2
♣ Q 5

♠ T 9 5
♥ T 8 5
♦ J 8 4 3
♣ A 7 3

West

Pass

North

4♥

East

All Pass

South

2♥

4♥ by North

s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then SOUTH couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or he would have been

too strong for a Weak-two opening. So NORTH just bids 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 7
SOUTH is too weak to open 1

but just right for 2

Wow! NORTH has 21 HCP and two good

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

Nope, no slam here. Suppose SOUTH has six

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 3
♥ K Q J 7 6 2
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 5

8
7 15
10

♠ K 9 2
♥ A 9 8 5
♦ J T 7 6
♣ 9 6



♠ T 7 6 4
♥ T 3
♦ A 3 2
♣ A Q T 3

♠ A Q 5
♥ 4
♦ K Q 9 4
♣ K J 7 4 2

West
2♥

North
All Pass

East

South

2♥ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 8
EAST really hates that 2

opening by WEST.

But there's no sense bidding and probably making matters worse, so she grits her

teeth and passes.

If you think 3NT has a chance you are delusional.

Deal 9

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 2

♥ K J 8 5

♦ K J 7 3

♣ T 4

15
8 8
9

♠ A Q J T 6 5

♥ 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ K J 3



♠ K 8 4

♥ A Q T 6 4 2

♦ 4

♣ 9 6 5

♠ 3

♥ 9 3

♦ Q T 8 6 2

♣ A Q 8 7 2

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 9

NORTH expects to be better off in 2 than SOUTH would be in 2

Whether or not you play a new suit as a one round force or not, SOUTH should make the 3 bid with

a hand this good. NORTH then bids the game.

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

4♠ by North

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 7 5
♥ K 6 3
♦ K Q J 5 4
♣ A

8
20 7
5

♠ Q T 8 3
♥ T
♦ A 9
♣ Q T 9 6 3 2



♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 9 2
♦ T 8 7
♣ K J 7 5

♠ 6
♥ A Q J 8 7 5 4
♦ 6 3 2
♣ 8 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 10
EAST has a pretty normal 3

opening bid.

WEST, however, has a big hand, and she launches into Blackwood.

When EAST shows one Ace WEST can bid 6

West

North

East

South

with confidence.

4NT

Pass

3♥
5♦

Pass
Pass

6♥

All Pass

6♥ by West

Deal 11

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 5
♥ T 9 5 2
♦ K 8 6 4
♣ 6 3

6
6 8
20

♠ J 3
♥ 7 6
♦ 9 7
♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 8 6 4 2
♥ A 8 4 3
♦ A 5 2
♣ 4

♠ A Q T
♥ K Q J
♦ Q J T 3
♣ A J T

West	North	East	South
	3 ♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 11

NORTH doesn't have much of a 3 opening bid.

But SOUTH has just the type of hand you need to bid 3NT after partner's preempt. The other three

suits well stopped, and certain entry in Opener's long suit. Notice here that 3NT is a good contract,

but 5 would go down 1.

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 4
♥ K J T 9 6 3
♦ 8 7 5
♣ 4 2

4
5 23
8

♠ T 7
♥ A 7 5
♦ T 9 4 2
♣ 9 6 5 3



♠ K 9 8 5 2
♥ 4
♦ J 6 3
♣ A T 8 7

♠ A Q 6 3
♥ Q 8 2
♦ A K Q
♣ K Q J

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

4♥ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 12
When WEST opens with a Weak 2

bid, EAST knows she will

force to game but is thinking about slam.

But first she needs to know if WEST has anything extra. She bids 2NT to get more information.

WEST returns to

s to show bare minimum so EAST settles for game.

Deal 13

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ J 9
♦ K T 8 5
♣ A T 8 7 5 3

8
8 10
14

♠ K Q 9 8 6 2

♥ 8 6 4

♦ 9 4

♣ K 6



♠ J T 3

♥ A K 5 3

♦ A Q 7 3 2

♣ 4

♠ A 7 5

♥ Q T 7 2

♦ J 6

♣ Q J 9 2

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 13

SOUTH has one of those hands which might or might not be helpful to NORTH. He needs

more information about NORTH's hand, so he bids 2NT.

NORTH has a better than average hand, so she bids 3 to show a high card in the suit.

SOUTH was hoping for a high card in

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

s rather than so

he signs off in 3

3♠ by South

Deal 14

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 3
♥ K 5 3
♦ K Q T 8 7 2
♣ 9 4

8
8 18
6

♠ Q J
♥ A J T 8 6
♦ 6 5 3
♣ T 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ K T 9 8 5 2
♥ 9 7
♦ 9
♣ Q J 7 2

♠ A 6 4
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A J 4
♣ A K 6 5

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

3NT by East

tricks

she bids 3NT.

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 14

With four fast winners EAST should think about game. The best approach is usually to

use 2NT to find out more about WEST's hand.

EAST found out that WEST has good opening strength, and, most importantly, either the

A or

K. Now that she doesn't

have to worry about the opponents taking the first five

Deal 15

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 6 4 3

♥ Q J 5 3

♦ T 7

♣ K J 4

9

7 7

17

♠ 9 7 5

♥ 7 6

♦ A K Q 9 6 2

♣ 8 3



♠ K Q 8

♥ A K 8

♦ J 4 3

♣ A T 6 5

♠ A J 2

♥ T 9 4 2

♦ 8 5

♣ Q 9 7 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♦

3NT

Pass

All Pass

2NT

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 15

SOUTH is strong enough to be thinking about game, depending on how good NORTH's hand is.

So he bids 2NT to get more information.

NORTH has the exact hand to say 3NT - a suit headed by AKQ.

Game (and bidding) doesn't get much easier.

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 3
♥ 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ J 5

13
7 11
9

♠ A 6
♥ K J 6
♦ A J 9 6 2
♣ 7 6 3



♠ 4
♥ Q T 9 5
♦ K Q T 8
♣ Q T 8 4

♠ T 9 2
♥ A 8 7 4 3
♦ 3
♣ A K 9 2

West
3 ♠

North
Pass

East
4 ♠

South
All Pass

4 ♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 16

EAST assumes her partner can win six tricks.

So she will need to contribute four more to

make game.

Three of them are obvious, and she expects to get a

ruff also.

Deal 17

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J T 3
♥ T 9 6
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ T 9 3

10
6 10
14

♠ A K 8 7 6 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 8 3

♣ K 6 5



♠ Q 9

♥ J 7 5

♦ A 9 6

♣ A Q J 4 2

♠ 5 4

♥ A K Q 4 2

♦ J T 7 4

♣ 8 7

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 17

NORTH's hand has the look of a Weak Two-bid, but it is one point too strong. So she opens 1 .

SOUTH naturally bids 2 and NORTH rebids the suit.

SOUTH always knew there would be a game bid, so with an 8-card fit he bids 4

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

4 ♠ by South

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 8 3
♥ T 6
♦ K J 4
♣ K Q J 4

10
13 7
10

♠ K 9 7 4 2

♥ K

♦ A 8 2

♣ 7 6 3 2



♠ A T

♥ 9 4 2

♦ Q T 6 3

♣ A T 9 8

♠ 6 5

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ 5

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 18

WEST may have an opening hand, but it is just the wrong kind of hand to respond to

partner's preemptive bid. She doesn't have the immediate winners that EAST is likely

to need, but she is in good shape for defense should the opponents bid.

In other words, WEST has the perfect hand with which to pass.

West

North

East

3♥

South

All Pass

3♥ by East

Deal 19

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9
♥ Q T 9 5
♦ 8 5 2
♣ J T 9 6

9
7 3
21

♠ 5 4
♥ 8 6 3
♦ A K Q 9 7 4
♣ 8 5



♠ K Q J
♥ A K 7
♦ J 6 3
♣ A K 4 2

♠ T 8 7 6 3 2
♥ J 4 2
♦ T
♣ Q 7 3

West	North	East	South
	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 19

The 2NT response to a Weak Two opening is a wonderful tool. You can learn a lot about

partner's hand and you are absolutely certain that it will not be passed out.

In this Deal SOUTH has a huge hand and NORTH opens 2

.

There are a lot of approaches SOUTH might try, but the simplest is to start with 2NT.

When NORTH shows

A K Q x x x SOUTH has an easy 6NT bid.

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q 9 7 5 2
♥ K 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 7 3

10
9 15
6

♠ 4
♥ T 9 7 6
♦ A Q T 7
♣ K J T 2



♠ T 8 3
♥ 8 5
♦ K J 3
♣ Q 9 8 6 4

♠ K J 6
♥ A Q J 4 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A 5

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

4 ♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 20

EAST is unsure whether to bid game or not. So she temporizes with 2NT.

WEST shows an above average hand plus a high card in

s.

EAST is no longer unsure, so she bids 4 .

Deal 21

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T
♥ T 9 8 7 6
♦ A K J T 5
♣ Q 6

6
10 9
15

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ 5 3

♦ 8 7 3

♣ 7 2



♠ K J 3

♥ A Q J 4 2

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 5

♠ 7 5 2

♥ K

♦ Q 2

♣ K J T 9 8 4 3

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 21

SOUTH is unsure whether to bid game or not, so he bids 2NT to get more information about

NORTH's hand.

NORTH's 3 is discouraging, a hand below average in strength and no outside high card.

SOUTH passes and hopes for the best.

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

3 ♠ by North

Deal 22

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 5
♥ 8
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ K Q J 9 8 6 3

10
6 18
6

♠ K Q J 8 7

♥ 9 3

♦ K J T

♣ T 7 5



♠ T 9 4 2

♥ T 6 5

♦ Q 6 4 2

♣ A 2

♠ A 6 3

♥ A K Q J 7 4 2

♦ A 8

♣ 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 22

EAST has no way to tell whether WEST can provide one winner or not.

So she takes the bold approach and bids 4

If the opening lead is a or a

West
3 ♣

North
Pass

East
4 ♥

South
All Pass

then EAST

4 ♥ by East

will probably make the game. Otherwise she will likely go down one.

Deal 23

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9
♥ 8 5
♦ K J T 8 6 4
♣ Q J T 3

8
7 11
14

♠ Q J T 7 4 2
♥ K Q 7 2
♦ 5 2
♣ 9



♠ K 3
♥ A J 9 6 3
♦ A Q 7
♣ 8 6 4

♠ A 8 6 5
♥ T 4
♦ 9 3
♣ A K 7 5 2

West

Pass
All Pass

North

Pass
3♥

East

Pass
Pass

South

1♥
4♥

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 23

Most good players have an extra restriction in their Weak Two-bid guidelines - they won't

open with a Weak Two-bid when they hold an outside 4-card Major, even if the hand qualifies

otherwise. This Deal shows why.

If NORTH opened with 2 SOUTH might well pass and a

game

would be missed.

4♥ by South

Deal 24

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 3
♥ A J T
♦ K 7 5 4
♣ Q T 4

8
16 8
8

♠ T 9 7 5 4

♥ Q 9 8

♦ Q

♣ A 5 3 2



♠ K J 8

♥ K 6 5 3

♦ 9 6

♣ J 9 8 6

♠ 6 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ A J T 8 3 2

♣ K 7

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 24

WEST responds 2NT, asking for more information.

When EAST shows a decent hand with a high WEST should bid 3NT.

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

3NT by West