

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 3
♥ J 2
♦ T 7 3 2
♣ A 7 4 3

12
6 7
15

♠ A T 9 2
♥ Q 9 7 3
♦ A Q 4
♣ 9 6

N
W E
S

♠ 8 5 4
♥ K 8 6 5
♦ J 8 6 5
♣ K 2

♠ K Q 7
♥ A T 4
♦ K 9
♣ Q J T 8 5

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

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 1
NORTH's 2 bid is Stayman, asking for a 4-card Major.

SOUTH's 2

bid denies four cards in either Major.

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

so he bids 3NT.

3NT by North

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 3 2
♥ A J 7 4
♦ J T 7
♣ K J 9 3

9
10 6
15

♠ K J 8 7 5 4

♥ 8 6
♦ K Q 3
♣ 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 6
♥ T 5 2
♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ Q 5 4

♠ Q T
♥ K Q 9 3
♦ A 5 2
♣ A T 8 6

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set4.2
NORTH, 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 SOUTH to be the Declarer so she bids 2

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

closes the auction with SOUTH 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

N
W E
S

♠ A J 9 8 2
♥ T 4 2
♦ Q 9 6
♣ 8 4

♠ K 7 5
♥ Q 9 3
♦ K 7 5
♣ A K J 3

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

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 2
♥ 9 7 3 2
♦ A 8 5
♣ 7 4 2

9
6 8
17

♠ 7 3
♥ K Q 8 6
♦ K 4 2
♣ J T 9 5

N
W E
S

♠ A K 6 5
♥ A T 4
♦ Q J 9 7
♣ K 8

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

3 NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 4 4
NORTH, with 9 points and a 4-card

suit is just strong

enough to use Stayman.

SOUTH shows 4 and NORTH describes her minimum hand with no fit by bidding 2NT.

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

Deal 5
South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ T 8 7 6
♥ K 6 5 2
♦ A 4 3
♣ T 5

10
7 7
16

♠ A 9
♥ A J 9 8 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ J 8 6

N
W E
S

♠ Q 5 3 2
♥ 7 4
♦ T 9 8
♣ K Q 4 2

♠ K J 4
♥ Q T
♦ K Q J 6
♣ A 9 7 3

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 5
NORTH has 11 points and five

s, so she responds

2

as a Jacoby Transfer.

When SOUTH bids the required 2

, NORTH jumps to 3NT

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

suit.

Since SOUTH has only a doubleton

she passes 3NT.

Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A
♥ J T 4 3
♦ Q 7 6 2
♣ A T 6 2

2
11 10
17

♠ Q 8 7 6 3 2

♥ 8 5
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ T 9 4
♥ K Q 9 2
♦ K J T
♣ J 8 7

♠ K J 5
♥ A 7 6
♦ A 8 3
♣ K Q 9 4

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

2♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 4
SOUTH, with a balanced 17 point hand naturally opens 1NT.

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

So she uses Jacoby Transfer, and when SOUTH 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 5

♥ 7 5 4 3

♦ K J 4 2

♣ J 7 2

♠ Q 6 3

♥ Q T 9 2

♦ A 7 6

♣ A K 3

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

4♥ by North

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.

Deal 8

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 3
♥ J 9 7
♦ Q J 9 5 4
♣ J 9

6
6 7
21

♠ K 9 7 4

♥ K 8 6 2

♦ 7 3

♣ 8 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ T 5

♥ T 5 4

♦ A 8

♣ K T 7 4 3 2

♠ A Q 8 2

♥ A Q 3

♦ K T 6 2

♣ A Q

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 8

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

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

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

Deal 9
 South Deals
 E-W Vul
 ♠ 2
 ♥ Q 2
 ♦ J T 9 5 4
 ♣ K Q J 8 2

9
 9 6
 16

♠ Q 9 8 7 4
 ♥ A J T 8 3
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ 5

N
 W E
 S

♠ K 6 5 3
 ♥ 7 6 5 4
 ♦ K 3
 ♣ 7 4 3

♠ A J T
 ♥ K 9
 ♦ A 8 7 2
 ♣ A T 9 6

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 9
 NORTH has five cards in each Major and
 SOUTH opens 1NT.

First NORTH bids 2

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

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

enough strength for game, and also five

s to go with the five s.

SOUTH prefers so she corrects the contract to 4 .

Deal 10
South Deals
None Vul

♠ T
♥ J T 9 5
♦ Q J T 4
♣ A 5 3 2

11
8 6
15

♠ K Q 5 4 2
♥ 8 7
♦ A 8
♣ Q 7 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ J 8 7 3
♥ A 4 3
♦ 9 7 6
♣ J T 9

♠ A 9 6
♥ K Q 6 2
♦ K 5 3 2
♣ K 8

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 10
With 12 points and five ~~s~~ when NORTH hears her partner open 1NT she knows

there is a game - either 3NT or 4 .

NORTH first transfers SOUTH to s, then jumps to 3NT, giving SOUTH the choice.

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

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

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

♠ K 8 6
♥ A 9 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ A K J 2

West	North	East	South
			2NT
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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 3 2
♥ T 4
♦ J 9 3
♣ A Q 8 3 2

9
7 9
15

♠ K 9 8 5

♥ Q 7

♦ K 8 7

♣ J 9 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ Q J T 4

♥ A 9 8 6 2

♦ Q T 2

♣ 4

♠ A 6
♥ K J 5 3
♦ A 6 5 4
♣ K T 7

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

2NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 12

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

With a 4-card suit she uses Stayman.

SOUTH then shows his 4-card

suit.

With no

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

SOUTH declines.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q
♥ 9 8 7
♦ Q T 9 6 4 3
♣ K 3 2

16
7
11

♠ A 7 5
♥ Q J 6
♦ A K 5 2
♣ Q T 9

N
W
E
S

♠ K 9 8 6 4
♥ A K 5 3
♦ J 8
♣ 6 4

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 13

Because SOUTH holds a 4-card Major suit, (

s), he starts his

responses with Stayman.

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

s.

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

between 4 or 3NT.

With three trumps NORTH chooses 4 .

Deal 14

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 4
♥ A 9 3
♦ 8 7 4
♣ T 8 7 2

9
5 9
17

♠ Q 8 6 5

♥ K 7 6 4

♦ A 3 2

♣ 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 2
♥ T 8 5
♦ K Q T 9 6
♣ A 9 3

♠ A K 7 3
♥ Q J 2
♦ J 5
♣ K Q J 6

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

4 ♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 14

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

When SOUTH bids 1NT, NORTH isn't strong enough to bid game herself, so she temporizes with a 3♦ invitation.

SOUTH 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

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 4 3
♥ K 4 2
♦ J 7 6
♣ 9 5 3

♠ K Q
♥ A Q 7 5
♦ K T 9
♣ Q J 8 4

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 4 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

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A T 8
♥ 2
♦ J T 9 8 5 4
♣ K 9 5

17
8 7
8

♠ K J 5
♥ A K 6
♦ A Q 2
♣ T 7 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ 9 6 3
♥ 9 8 4 3
♦ 7 3
♣ A Q J 4

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ Q J T 7 5
♦ K 6
♣ 8 3

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

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 16
SOUTH, with a 5-card AND a 4-card Major
first uses Stayman.

NORTH denies a 4-card Major, so SOUTH
realizes that are out.

He then bids

s, promising five of them.

NORTH not only has three

s, she also has 17 points so

she bids 4

Deal 17

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 3
♥ 9 4 2
♦ 9 8 5
♣ A Q J 9

8
7 8
17

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ Q J T 7 5
♦ K 7
♣ 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ T 9
♥ A 8 3
♦ J T 4 3
♣ K 6 5 4

♠ A K J 5
♥ K 6
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ T 7 2

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 17

This is a companion hand to Deal 16.

SOUTH shows four following NORTH's Stayman bid.

So NORTH 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8
♥ 4 3 2
♦ J T 4 3
♣ A K 6 5

8
9 6
17

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ Q J T 7 5
♦ K 7
♣ 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ T 9 6 3
♥ A 9 8
♦ 9 8 5
♣ Q 9 4

♠ A K 5
♥ K 6
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ J T 7 2

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

3 NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 18

This is companion #3 to Deal 16 and 17.

NORTH again starts with Stayman, and after SOUTH denies a 4-card Major,

NORTH shows her five

s.

But in this Deal SOUTH 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

N
W E
S

♠ 9 2
♥ J 8 2
♦ A Q 8 6
♣ 7 5 3 2

♠ Q T 8 6 5 4
♥ Q 7 5 3
♦ 7
♣ A Q

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

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
South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 8 4
♥ A 7 2
♦ T 9 7 6 2
♣ J 7

14
5 4
17

♠ K Q 3
♥ Q T 9 8 4 3
♦ K 5
♣ A 5

♠ J 9 6 5 2
♥ -
♦ Q J 3
♣ 9 6 4 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 7
♥ K J 6 5
♦ A 8 4
♣ K Q T 8

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

6♥ by North

round control of the suit that was bid.

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 20
SOUTH 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.

NORTH's bid and SOUTH's

bid are Control bids, showing first

Deal 21
South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 8 4

♥ T 4 2

♦ J T 6 2

♣ Q 5 3

11

7 5

17

♠ K J T 3
♥ K 5
♦ A 9 3
♣ 8 7 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ A Q 9 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ A 6

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 21
NORTH uses Stayman because he has a 4-card suit.

SOUTH's 2

response wasn't exactly what NORTH was hoping for,

so NORTH decides to bid 3NT.

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

and also knows that it isn't

s.

So SOUTH bids 4 .

Deal 22
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 5
♥ T 9 3
♦ J 2
♣ Q J 7 3 2

3
9 11
17

♠ J 9 7 4
♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ T 8 7 6
♣ 4

♠ 8 3 2
♥ J 5
♦ K 9 4
♣ A K 8 6 5

♠ A T 6
♥ A K 7 4
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ T 9

N
W E
S

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

2♥ by South

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

But NORTH figures that having SOUTH 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.

SOUTH bids 2

and NORTH passes. He would have passed either 2 or 2

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

N
W E
S

♠ 9
♥ A 7 3 2
♦ Q J 8 5 3
♣ J T 4

♠ A Q 6 2
♥ K J 8
♦ A 6 2
♣ K 8 7

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
 ♥ A 8 6
 ♦ 9 8 5 2
 ♣ K J 9 7 3

8
 8 7
 17

♠ Q T 8 6 4
 ♥ Q 7 3
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ T 8 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 9 5 3
 ♥ T 9 2
 ♦ J T 4
 ♣ Q 6 2

♠ K J 7
 ♥ K J 5 4
 ♦ K Q 7 3
 ♣ A 5

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set4 24

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

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

the game by bidding 2NT.

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