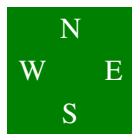


Board 1
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q 8 3 2
 ♥ 9 8 6 3
 ♦ T 2
 ♣ 9 8 5

♠ J 7 6
 ♥ T 5 2
 ♦ A J 9 4
 ♣ K T 2



♠ A T 9 4
 ♥ K Q J 7
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ A Q 4

♠ K 5
 ♥ A 4
 ♦ K 8 7 5 3
 ♣ J 7 6 3

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	Dbl
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

so she bids 3NT.

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 13
 SOUTH has 18 points, a doubleton in the opponent's suit, and at least three cards in the unbid suits.

This is an ideal hand for a Takeout Double.

NORTH has good strength in EAST's

suit, probably two stoppers.

He has 9 points and no 4-card suit of his own. This is the type of hand to respond 1NT.

SOUTH is happy to play Notrump now that she knows the

s are covered,

Board 2

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J T
 ♥ K T 7 6 3
 ♦ Q 9 8 5
 ♣ A K

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J T 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 5 3 2

♥ 8 4

♦ T 3 2

♣ 6 5 4 2

♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

West

1 ♥

Pass

North

1 ♠

3NT

East

Pass

All Pass

South

2NT

3 NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 14

NORTH has an opening hand, 14 points and five s.

But WEST beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1 .

SOUTH also has 14 points, she doesn't care too much for but she has an

excellent stopper in

s.

She jumps to 2NT, inviting NORTH to bid game.

Since NORTH has several points more than he might have had, and no 6-card suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3NT.

Board 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 6 4 2

♥ A 4 2

♦ J

♣ T 9 5

♠ 8 7

♥ K Q 9 7

♦ A K 8 3

♣ Q J 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 3

♥ J T 5 3

♦ Q 5

♣ A K 8 6

♠ T 5

♥ 8 6

♦ T 9 7 6 4 2

♣ 7 3 2

West

1 ♠

Pass

All Pass

North

Dbl

3 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

4 ♥

4 ♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 15

NORTH has 15 points and all the requirements for a
Takeout Double of 1 .

With 14 points of his own, SOUTH knows his side
needs to be in a game somewhere. He passes this
information

to NORTH with a cue-bid of 2 .

NORTH gets the message and starts the hunt for a
trump fit by bidding 3

. That

makes it easy for SOUTH - he bids 4

.

Board 4

East Deals

None Vul

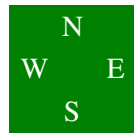
♠ T 8
 ♥ T 4 3
 ♦ A 8 6
 ♣ J T 5 4 3

♠ K 7 5

♥ 8 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 9 7 6 2



♠ 9 3

♥ K Q J 9 6

♦ T 9 5 4

♣ K Q

♠ A Q J 6 4 2

♥ A 7

♦ J 7 2

♣ A 8

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 16

There is only one reason that SOUTH should not overcall with 1 . He is too strong.

The maximum strength of an overcall is 16 points. Above that you should double.

So SOUTH doubles, and after NORTH bids 2 , SOUTH bids 2 . This shows an overcall

type hand, but with 17 or more points.

NORTH has fine trump support and 8 points so she bids a confident 4 .

Board 5
West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6 4
♥ Q 8
♦ A J T 8 3 2
♣ T 4

♠ K 9 8 3
♥ 7 6
♦ K Q 5
♣ A J 7 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 7 5
♥ J T 9 5 2
♦ 9 6
♣ 9 5 3

♠ Q J 2
♥ A K 4 3
♦ 7 4
♣ K Q 8 2

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

3 NT by North

SOUTH shows his ♣ suit, NORTH likes it fine, but decides 3NT will be easier than 5 ♣.

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 17
NORTH has 13 points but has no bid over 1

SOUTH can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

NORTH now cue-bids

to show opening hand strength.

SOUTH shows his

♥ suit, NORTH doesn't like it.

NORTH shows her ♠ suit, SOUTH doesn't like it.

Board 6

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J T 7 4
♥ A 7 3
♦ A 8 6
♣ 9 5

♠ 8
♥ K J T 9 4
♦ T 9
♣ A 8 7 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 5 3 2
♥ 8 2
♦ K Q 3 2
♣ Q J

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

All Pass

1 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 18

WEST would have had a great opening 1 bid. But when SOUTH opened 1

in front of him he was hornswaggled. He couldn't bid any other suit, he couldn't bid 1NT

and he sure couldn't bid So he must pass.

And so does everybody else pass.