

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 3
 ♥ J 5 3
 ♦ K 8 7 3
 ♣ J 8 2

♠ A 5

♥ K Q 9 8 2

♦ T 9 6

♣ A 6 3



♠ T 8 7 6

♥ 7 4

♦ A Q 4 2

♣ Q T 7

♠ K Q 9 2

♥ A T 6

♦ J 5

♣ K 9 5 4

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker FSF 1

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 ♠.

Partner shows nothing extra. All you know now is that he doesn't have 4 ♥s. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has 3 ♥s then 4 ♥ would be good. If not though, 3NT would be good if he has a ♦ stopper. The way to find out what he has is with Fourth Suit Forcing. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner answers with 2 ♥.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♥s. You bid the ♥ game.

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 4 3
♥ Q 7 6 4
♦ T 8
♣ 8 7 2

♠ K 7 2

♥ A J T 9 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 5 3



♠ T 5

♥ K 5

♦ J 9 5 3 2

♣ K Q J 6

♠ Q 9 8 6

♥ 8 2

♦ A K 7 4

♣ A T 4

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

2NT by South

Baker FSF 2
You are the dealer.

With 13 points you open 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♥.

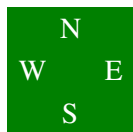
Partner might be 4-4 in the Majors so you bid 1 ♠.
Apparently he wasn't since he says 2 ♣.

This is Fourth Suit Forcing and partner may or may not have a ♣ suit. You do not have 3 ♥s. You do have a ♣ stopper, so with a minimum hand you bid 2NT and partner passes.

Board 3
North Deals
None Vul

♠ J T 4
♥ A 7 3
♦ K 8 4 3
♣ J 8 2

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ T 6
♦ A J 5
♣ K 9 5 4



♠ 8 7 6 3
♥ J 5 4
♦ Q 7 2
♣ Q T 7

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ T 9 6
♣ A 6 3

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

3 NT by South

Baker FSF 3

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 ♠.

Partner shows nothing extra. All you know now is that he doesn't have 4 ♥s. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has 3 ♥s then 4 ♥ would be good. If not though, 3NT would be good if he has a ♦ stopper. The way to find out what he has is with Fourth Suit Forcing. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner answers with 2NT.

Partner does not have 3 ♥s, but he does have ♦s stopped. So you bid 3NT.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 9 8 3

♥ K 9 5

♦ 8 6 3

♣ J 6

♠ A K 7 5 2

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K

♣ 9 8 4



♠ J 4

♥ Q 7 4 2

♦ J 7 2

♣ K T 5 2

♠ 6

♥ A J T

♦ Q T 9 5 4

♣ A Q 7 3

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

3 NT by South

Baker FSF 4
You are the dealer.

You open your 5-card suit, 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♠.

You might bid 1NT, but since you have a singleton you prefer to say 2 ♣.

Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say?

This is Fourth Suit Forcing and partner is fishing for more information. You certainly don't have 3 of his ♠s so that is out. On the other hand, you have a double stopper in ♥s, so with 14 points you go right to 3NT.