

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 5 2
♥ 7
♦ K Q T 5
♣ Q J 8 2

6
8 9
17

♠ K Q 3
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ A T 9 4
♥ A 5
♦ J 9 4 3
♣ T 7 4

♠ J 6
♥ K Q T 8 3 2
♦ A 7
♣ A K 3

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

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 1
NORTH's 2

raise shows 6-10 points and at least three trumps.

SOUTH, with 19+ points, decides that game is almost a certainty and bids 4

4♥ by South

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 3

♥ 7 4 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ Q 7 5 2

12

5 8

15

♠ T 9 7

♥ A 9 6

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ K 8 4



♠ J 6 5 2

♥ Q J 5 2

♦ A 2

♣ T 9 3

♠ A Q 4

♥ K T 8

♦ J T 9 5

♣ A J 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	All Pass	1NT

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 2
SOUTH has an ideal 1NT opening -

15 points and balanced distribution.

With 12 points, NORTH knows the partnership total is between 27 and 29, enough for game

but not enough to think about slam. Since NORTH has no 4-card Major suit she bids 3NT.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 5 2
♥ Q J T
♦ Q 9 6 3
♣ Q 9

14
11 9
6

♠ Q J 6 4

♥ A 9 5
♦ 8 2

♣ A K 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ 8
♥ 8 7 4 3 2
♦ A K J
♣ J T 7 4

♠ K T 7 3
♥ K 6
♦ T 7 5 4
♣ 8 5 2

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

2 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3.3
With 6 points, SOUTH must respond to NORTH's 1 opening bid.

While it is often correct to respond by bidding suits "up-the-line", SOUTH should

skip over the weak

suit in favor of showing the 4-card

Major suit.

NORTH knows that SOUTH may only have four s, but with four of her own she can support the

suit. Since she has a minimum opening bid she merely raises to 2 .

With his minimum response hand SOUTH passes.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 8 4 3
♥ J 5 3
♦ J 7 2
♣ J 9

10 6
 8
16

♠ 7 5
♥ T 9 8 4
♦ K 9 4
♣ K 8 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ T 9 2
♥ 6
♦ Q T 8 6
♣ A Q T 7 3

♠ Q J 6
♥ A K Q 7 2
♦ A 5 3
♣ 6 4

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

3♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 4

With 17 points SOUTH is not strong enough to insist on game after NORTH's raise,

but is strong enough to invite with a 3

bid.

NORTH, however, doesn't have anything extra, so declines to go further.

Deal 5
South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K Q 6 5
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A 8 7

9
9 5
17

♠ T 9 4
♥ Q J 4
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ J 9 5

N
W E
S

♠ J 7
♥ A 7 5 2
♦ T 8 3
♣ T 4 3 2

♠ A 8 3 2
♥ K T 9
♦ A J 7
♣ K Q 6

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

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 5
This is a classic Notrump bidding sequence.

SOUTH opens 1NT with 17 points and balanced distribution.

NORTH, with 9 points is not strong enough to bid game, but invites with 2NT.

SOUTH has a maximum, so she accepts the invitation.

Deal 6South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 2

♥ J 8 3

♦ Q J 3 2

♣ J 7 6 5

14

5 7

14

♠ K J 8 4

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 6 5

♣ K 9 3



♠ A Q T 6

♥ 5 4

♦ A 8 7 4

♣ A 8 2

♠ 7 5 3

♥ Q T 9 6

♦ K T 9

♣ Q T 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 6
With two 4-card Majors NORTH should respond "up-the-line", bidding

s first.

Then, after SOUTH bids 1 ,NORTH has enough points to jump all the way to 4 .

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

4 ♠ by North

Deal 7

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ 7
♥ J T 8 5 2
♦ J 4
♣ A 9 8 4 2

11
6 7
16

♠ A 9 6 3

♥ Q 6 4

♦ A 9 6 2

♣ J 7

N
W E
S

♠ J 5 2

♥ K 9 3

♦ T 8 7 3

♣ K 5 3

♠ K Q T 8 4
♥ A 7
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q T 6

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 7
SOUTH has 17 points and might open 1NT.
But with the 5-card Major suit she prefers

to open 1 .

NORTH has excellent support but with 11 points is not quite strong enough to insist

on reaching game. Instead he makes an invitational jump to 3 ,which SOUTH is strong

enough to raise to game.

Deal 8
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ 7 5 3
♦ 8 4
♣ K Q 9 6

5
7 7
21

♠ 8 7
♥ T 6 4
♦ K Q T 9 6
♣ T 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ J T 4 2
♥ K Q 8 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ J 4

♠ A K 6
♥ A J 9
♦ A J 2
♣ A 8 5 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

3 NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 3.8
SOUTH has a powerful hand, but 21 points is not strong enough to start with a forcing 2 bid.

Since he has balanced distribution he opens 2NT (20-21 points).

NORTH adds her 6 points to SOUTH's minimum and concludes they should be in game. She expects her

good

suit to be useful to NORTH in Notrump so she bids 3NT.

Deal 9

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 4 2
♥ 9 7 6
♦ 7 5
♣ A 8 6 3

13
10 9
8

♠ J 6 3
♥ A K Q 8 2
♦ K 6
♣ T 9 5

N
W E
S

♠ K 8 7
♥ T 5 3
♦ A T 9 4 2
♣ Q 4

♠ T 9 5
♥ J 4
♦ Q J 8 3
♣ K J 7 2

West	North	East	South
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1♥		Pass	1NT
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All Pass

1 NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 9
 NORTH has a solid 1

opening, 14 points and five trumps.

SOUTH must respond with 8 points, but cannot bid either minor suit since he needs at least

11 points to bid a new suit at the 2-level. So he bids 1NT (6-10 points).

NORTH doesn't object to Notrump so she passes.

Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8	♦ 8 3	♥ 8 6 3	♣ K Q 9 8 3
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6	12	13	
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♠ J 9 6 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ 8 3

♣ T 7 4

N		
W	E	
S		

♠ A 5 4

♥ J T 9

♦ A Q 4 2

♣ J 5 2

♠ K Q T 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♠	All Pass	1♠

2♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 10
SOUTH has a normal 1 opening bid, 14 points and five trumps.

NORTH has good 4-card support and 7 points, so she raises to 2 ,

passed by SOUTH.

NORTH does not consider showing the

s,

first because she knows there is a fit, and second because she doesn't have

the 11 points needed to bid a new suit at the 2-level.

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

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

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

West	North	East	South 1NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6NT by North

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

N	
W	E
S	

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 11
With balanced distribution and 16 points
SOUTH should open 1NT rather than 1

NORTH's response is based on simple math.
He adds his 18 points to the 15 minimum that
SOUTH has announced and

comes up with 33 points combined. This is
enough for a small slam, and since he has
balanced distribution

he bids 6NT.

Deal 12

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 2	♦ K J 5 4 3 2	♥ 7 4	♣ T 3
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20	8	5	7
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♠ Q J T 9 6

♥ A 7

♦ A Q 6

♣ A K 7

N		♠ 7 5 3
W	E	♥ 9 8
S		♦ K J T 9

♠ K 4	♦ 8 5 3 2	♣ Q 9 8 5
♥ Q T 6		

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

3 NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 12
NORTH is right at the maximum for a 1 opening bid - one more point and he would

have opened 2 .

SOUTH does not have 3-card support but with 7 points must make some response.

She cannot bid at the 2-level so she says 1NT (6-10 points).

NORTH is fine with Notrump so he bids 3NT.

Deal 13
South Deals
Both Vul

♠ 7 2
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ A K 4

18
7 3
12

♠ A K 9 6 4
♥ K Q 5
♦ K Q J 7
♣ 3

N
W E
S
♠ 5
♥ T 7 6
♦ 5 3 2
♣ Q J T 8 7 5
♠ Q J T 8 3
♥ A J 4
♦ A T
♣ 9 6 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	4NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	5♥

6 ♠ by North

would show one Ace, etc).

NORTH has heard enough and bids 6 .

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 13
SOUTH has a minimum 1 opening bid - 13 points and five trumps. She doesn't even suspect

what's about to befall!

NORTH hears the 1 bid and all he wants to know is whether SOUTH has one, two or three Aces.

So he uses the Blackwood convention, 4NT.

SOUTH has two Aces so she bids 5

(5 would show zero Aces,

5

Deal 14

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 5
♥ T 4
♦ Q 8 5 2
♣ K J T 2

9
7 9
15

♠ A 7 4
♥ Q 5
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ 7 6 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ K Q T 8 3
♥ J 9 3
♦ J 9
♣ Q 8 4

♠ 6 2
♥ A K 8 7 6 2
♦ A T 3
♣ A 9

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	3♥	1♥ Pass
4♥	All Pass		, which

4♥ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 14
SOUTH has an above-minimum strength hand with a good 6-card suit. He opens 1

.

NORTH, with 9 points, is a little too weak to bid at the 2-level so she bids a catchall 1NT.

SOUTH shows his 6-card suit and extra strength by jumping to 3

NORTH raises to 4

since two trumps is now adequate support.

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 9 5 2
♥ J 2
♦ A Q 4
♣ T 9 5 3

8
11
14

♠ J T 8 3

♥ A Q 7 4

♦ J 5 3

♣ 7 6

N
W
E
S

♠ 6

♥ K T 9 6 5

♦ K T 9 8

♣ J 8 4

♠ K Q 7 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A K Q 2

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

2 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 15

SOUTH has 14 points and opens her 4-card suit.

NORTH must respond, and with two 4-card Majors bids them "up-the-line", saying 1

.

SOUTH now shows his 4-card suit, and NORTH again must bid. Since NORTH is pretty weak he just

raises to 2 which SOUTH happily passes.

Deal 16

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 5	♥ 8 6 5 4 2	♦ 5 4	♣ A 4 3
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15	5	3	17
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♠ A 9 4	♥ A 7	♦ K 8 3	♣ K J 9 6 2
N	W	E	S

♠ K Q 7	♥ K Q J 3	♦ A T 6	♣ Q T 8
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West	North	East	South
Pass	4NT	Pass	1NT
All Pass			6NT

6NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 16
SOUTH has a maximum 17 point 1NT bid.

NORTH, with 16 points, can't tell if there are enough points for slam. If SOUTH has

17 points then a slam should be makeable, but if SOUTH has only 15 points then he

should settle for game.

The 4NT raise solves the problem. It tells SOUTH to bid 6NT with 17 points, pass

with 15 points, and use best judgment with 16. Here SOUTH bids the slam.

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ A Q 9
♦ T 9 8 6 2
♣ A 9 8 5

11
10 7
12

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ A K 5

♣ J 7 6

N
W E
S

♠ J T 5
♥ K T 7 6
♦ Q J 3
♣ T 4 3

♠ A Q 8 6 2
♥ J 5 3
♦ 7 4
♣ K Q 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

3 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 17

NORTH has just 11 points, not enough to open the bidding.

But when SOUTH opens 1 NORTH should show her "almost opening strength"

by jumping to 3 .

SOUTH has just 13 points, and knowing NORTH has less than 13 he passes.

Deal 18

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ J T 9
♦ J T 9 7 4
♣ A J 7 3

9
7 10
14

♠ 7 3
♥ Q 8 6 4 2
♦ A 8 6
♣ K 9 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q J 9 6 4
♥ -
♦ 3 2
♣ T 8 4 2

♠ T 8 2
♥ A K 7 5 3
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♥	All Pass	1♥

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 18
After SOUTH opens with 1

, NORTH has a small "dilemma".

With 11 points she really is only strong enough
to make a jump raise to 3

.

But, with five trumps the hand deserves more.
So she just bids 4

4♥ by North

instead.

Usually, no matter what your strength, when you have five cards in the Major suit that your partner opens

with you should just jump right to game.

Deal 19

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 6 4
♥ Q T 8 3
♦ T 4 2
♣ 7 5

19
6 8
7

♠ Q J 7 5

♥ A

♦ A K Q 3

♣ K T 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ 2
♥ K 9 6 5 4
♦ J 7 5
♣ A 9 8 4

♠ K T 8 3
♥ J 7 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ Q J 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
4♠	4♠	All Pass	

4♠ by North

She bids 4 .

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 19

NORTH has 19 points, but no 5-card Major suit. With two 4-card minor suits she should start

with 1 .

SOUTH has a poor hand, but with 7 points he must respond. His first priority is to show a Major suit

so he responds 1 .

NORTH now knows that will be trumps, so she revalues her hand to 21 points, enough for game.

Deal 20

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 2	♥ A T 6 3	♦ K 8 3 2	♣ 8 7
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9	8	16	
7			

♠ T 9 6 3

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q 7

♣ A K 6 4

N		
W	E	
S		

♠ A

♥ J 9 8

♦ T 9 5 4

♣ Q J T 5 2

♠ K Q J 7 4	
♥ K Q 2	
♦ A J 6	
♣ 9 3	

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 20

NOTE: There is a better way to bid this hand using special conventions.

SOUTH has 17 points, but with a 5-card Major opens 1 rather than 1NT.

NORTH isn't quite strong enough for a jump raise, so she bids 2 .

SOUTH has enough extra to make a try for game, so she invites with 3 .

NORTH has enough extra to accept the invitation, bids 4 .

Deal 21

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 7 5 4
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ 7
♣ 9 8 6 3

12
4 4
20

♠ Q T 8

♥ A J 6

♦ K T 9 3

♣ Q T 5

N
W E
S

♠ 9 6 2

♥ T 8 3

♦ 8 6 5 4 2

♣ A 7

♠ K J 3
♥ K Q 5
♦ A Q J
♣ K J 4 2

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

4NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 21
SOUTH has a perfect 2NT opening hand, 20 points and 3-3-3-4 distribution.

NORTH, with 12 points of his own, knows the partnership is borderline strong enough for slam.

Since he is happy with Notrump, he invites SOUTH to bid slam by responding 4NT.

With one more point SOUTH might bid the slam, but here she just passes.

Deal 22

South Deals

None Vul

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

9	9
7	9
15	

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

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

2NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 22
SOUTH opens 1NT with 15 points and a balanced hand.

NORTH, with 9 points, cannot bid game herself, but she can invite SOUTH to bid game if he

has the maximum 17 point opener. So she responds 2NT.

SOUTH doesn't have maximum, he has minimum, so he passes.

Deal 23

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 4

♥ J T 7 3

♦ 9 8 5

♣ 9 8 3

18
5 8
9

♠ Q T 8 2

♥ A K

♦ 7 6 4

♣ A K Q 5

N
W E
S

♠ K 3

♥ Q 9 8 5

♦ Q T 3 2

♣ J T 6

♠ J 9 7 5
♥ 6 4 2
♦ A K J
♣ 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 23

NORTH is 1 point too strong to open 1NT, so opens 1 .

SOUTH responds in his 4-card Major suit, 1 .

NORTH now shows her 4-card support plus her extra strength by jumping to 3 and SOUTH bids the game.

Deal 24

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7
♥ 9 6 5 4 3
♦ A 4 2
♣ Q 4 3

7
6 6
21

♠ 5 4 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ K T 6 5
♣ 9 8 5

N
W E
S

♠ A T 8 6 2
♥ J T
♦ 8 7
♣ J T 7 6

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q J 9 3
♣ A K 2

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set3 24
SOUTH has a classic 2NT opening bid, 21 points and balanced distribution.

NORTH knows that her 7 points will be plenty for game, but not enough to consider

slam so she just bids 3NT.