

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K
♥ Q J T 5
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ T 7 3 2

16
7 10
7

♠ A T 6
♥ A 7 4
♦ K Q T 2
♣ K 8 4

N
W E
S

♠ 8 5 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

♠ Q J 9 7 4 2
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 5
♣ A Q J

West North East South
Pass 1NT All Pass

1 NT by North

[Baker Bidpractice/](#)[Set1](#) 1
NORTH has a perfect 1NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

SOUTH has 7 points; he knows that the most points the partnership could hold is 24 (7 + 17).

Since this is below the 26 point game requirement he passes.

Deal 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 9 7
♥ A 9 6
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ K 8 4

5
12 16
7

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ Q 7 4 3
♦ 8 6 2
♣ T 9

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 4
♥ K T 8
♦ J T 9 5
♣ A Q 6

♠ J 8 2
♥ J 5 2
♦ A 4
♣ J 7 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set12
EAST has an ideal 1NT opening -

16 points and balanced distribution.

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

but not enough to think about slam. Since WEST also has a balanced hand she bids 3NT.

Deal 3
East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 5 4
♥ Q J T 5 2
♦ 8 2
♣ J 9 4 3

14
4 6
16

♠ A J 3
♥ A 8 7
♦ Q J T 5
♣ Q T 7

N
W E
S

♠ T 9 7 6
♥ 4 3
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ K 8 2

♠ K Q 8 2
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 9 4
♣ A 6 5

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 3
SOUTH has 16 points and balanced distribution.

She naturally opens 1NT.

NORTH has 14 points and balanced distribution so he does the math.

The partnership has at least 29 points (14 + 15).

The partnership has at most 31 points (14 + 17).

Since this is more than the 26 needed for game, but fewer than the 33 needed for slam

NORTH just bids 3NT, knowing SOUTH will respect his decision and pass.

Deal 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 9 6
 ♥ A J 5
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ A 9 3 2

8
 17 7
 8

♠ Q T
 ♥ K T 4
 ♦ T 8 6 5 2
 ♣ Q J 8

N
 W E
 S

♠ A K 5 2
 ♥ 8 7 2
 ♦ 9 4 3
 ♣ 7 6 5

♠ 8 7 4 3
 ♥ Q 9 6 3
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ K T 4

West North East South
 1NT All Pass

1 NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 4

When WEST opens 1NT, EAST knows that he cannot have more

than 17 points. So with her 7 points, she knows there is no reason to respond.

Deal 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 4

♥ T 8 6

♦ T 7 6 2

♣ A 8 2

17

8 6

9

♠ K Q J
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ A J 8
♣ Q J T

N
W E
S

♠ 9 5 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ Q 9 5
♣ 9 6 4 3

♠ T 8 6 3
♥ K 4 2
♦ K 4 3
♣ K 7 5

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1 5

NORTH has a maximum 17 point 1NT opener.

SOUTH has 9 points:

- if NORTH has 15 the total is 24, not enough for game.

- if NORTH has 17 the total is 26, enough for game.

Since SOUTH doesn't know what to do he passes the buck back to NORTH

by bidding 2NT; this is an invitation for NORTH to bid game.

NORTH has a maximum 17 point hand so she accepts the invitation.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 8 4
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ K J 9 3

6
9 17
8

♠ K Q J 5
♥ 9 5 3
♦ 7 3 2
♣ 7 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 7 6
♥ A Q 4
♦ A J 4
♣ Q T 8

♠ 3 2
♥ J T 8 6
♦ K T 9 8
♣ A 5 4

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

3NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 6

With 9 points WEST is unable to decide the final contract. If EAST has 17 points then the partnership

should be playing 3NT. If EAST opened with just 15 points then 3NT will be too high..

So WEST makes the temporizing bid of 2NT. This tells EAST that he must make the final call - go on to

game if he has maximum, pass if he has minimum. On this Deal EAST has 17 points so he bids 3NT.

Deal 7

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 9 8 7 5
♥ Q J T 4
♦ Q 3
♣ A 2

9
10 6
15

♠ K Q 4 2

♥ A 7 3

♦ T 8 4

♣ 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 3
♥ 6 5 2
♦ K 9 7 6 5
♣ Q J 6 3

♠ A T 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ A J 2
♣ K T 9 5

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

2NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1 7

This time SOUTH has a minimum 1NT opener; a balanced hand with 15 points.

NORTH has 9 points; he knows that the partnership is somewhere between

24 (9 + 15) and 26 (9 + 17). So he invites with a 2NT bid.

SOUTH, with a minimum, declines the invitation by passing.

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 6
♥ A J T 3
♦ A Q
♣ K J 5 2

11
20 2
7

♠ A 8
♥ K 7 6
♦ T 6 5 3
♣ A T 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ T 9 5 3
♥ Q 9 4 2
♦ K 9 8 7
♣ Q

West North East South
2NT All Pass

2NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1 8
WEST has a strong hand, 20 points and balanced distribution.

It is just right to open 2NT (20-21 points).

EAST adds her 2 points to WEST's promised number of 20 or 21. Since she doesn't reach the

magic game number of 26 points she just passes.

Deal 9

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 2
♥ K 8 6 5
♦ 5 3 2
♣ A 6 4 3

16
8 7
9

♠ A T 8
♥ A T 9
♦ K Q T 8
♣ K 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 6 5 4
♥ J 4 3
♦ A 7 6
♣ 5 2

♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 7 2
♦ J 9 4
♣ Q J T 8

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1 9
NORTH has an mid-range 1NT opener; a balanced hand with 16 points.

SOUTH has 9 points. He bids 2NT, asking NORTH to pass if she has 15 or bid 3NT if she has 17.

But NORTH has 16 points, which leaves her with no clear choice.

In this case she must decide whether her hand is a "good" 16 points or a "poor" 16 points.

Since her supporting cards are mostly 10's, 9's and 8's she figures it as "good"

and bids 3NT.

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 6 2
♥ K 7 5
♦ 9 5 4
♣ K Q 6

5
8 20
7

♠ A 8 7 4 3

♥ T 9

♦ J 6 2

♣ 5 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J
♥ A 4
♦ K Q T 8
♣ A J 7 3

♠ 5
♥ Q J 8 6 3 2
♦ A 7 3
♣ T 9 8

West	North	East	South
		2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 10
EAST has 20 points and 4-4-3-2 distribution, so he opens 2NT.

WEST has 8 points. She adds EAST's 20 or 21 for a total of 28 or 29, enough for game but

nowhere close to the slam requirement. So she bids 3NT and EAST passes.

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 11

Deal 11
 East Deals
 None Vul
 ♠ A T 8
 ♥ K J 3
 ♦ A J 5
 ♣ Q J 7 2
 ♠ 7 6 3 2
 ♥ T 7 6 2
 ♦ T 9 3
 ♣ A 4

N
W E
S

16
 4 5
 15

♠ K Q 4
 ♥ Q 9 5
 ♦ K Q 6 2
 ♣ K 8 3

West North East South
 Pass 4NT Pass 1NT

4 NT by North

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q 5
♥ K 8 5
♦ Q T 7 6
♣ A 9 7

10
15 9
6

♠ K 6 2
♥ 9 3 2
♦ A 9 4 2
♣ Q J 3

N
W E
S

♠ T 8 4
♥ Q 7 6
♦ K J 3
♣ K T 5 2

♠ J 9 7 3
♥ A J T 4
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 6 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 12

WEST has a minimum 1NT opening hand - balanced distribution with 15 points.

EAST has 9 points, which is not enough to bid game, but is worth making an invitational bid.

So she says 2NT.

Since WEST is minimum he declines the invitation by passing.

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2NT	All Pass

2NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 13

Deal 13

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 8 6 2
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ J T 3
 ♣ 8 7 6

♠ Q J 4

♥ A K

♦ K 7 6

♣ Q J T 5 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ 7 3
 ♥ J T 9 7 5 2
 ♦ 9 8 2
 ♣ 9 4

16
 5 1
 18

♠ K T 5
 ♥ Q 6 3
 ♦ A Q 5 4
 ♣ A K 3

West North East South
 Pass 1NT Pass 6NT
 Pass

6NT by South

Deal 14

East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 7 4
♥ Q J 5
♦ K J T
♣ A 7 4 3

4
14 21
1

♠ A 6 3 2
♥ T 6 4 3
♦ 8 2
♣ 9 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 9
♥ A K 8
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ K Q 8

♠ T 8 5
♥ 9 7 2
♦ 9 7 6 4
♣ J T 2

West	North	East	South
6NT	All Pass	2NT	Pass

6NT by West

to 6NT.

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1 14

The partner who is first sure what the final contract should be should just go ahead and bid it.

This is called "She who knows, goes."

In this deal, for example, it is WEST who knows. She has a balanced 14 points, so when EAST indicates

20/21 points with his opening 2NT bid she

KNOWS

the partnership holds about 34/35 points.

Therefore she

GOES

Deal 15
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 9 4
♥ T 7 2
♦ 5 4
♣ Q 8 4

7
8 5
20

♠ 8 5 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

♠ 7 2
♥ J 8 5 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ A T 3 2

♠ A T 6
♥ A Q 4
♦ K Q J T
♣ K J 7

N
W E
S

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 15
SOUTH has a balanced 20 point hand - ideal to open 2NT.

NORTH has 7 points; he knows the partnership has either 27 or 28 points so he bids 3NT.

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 5
♥ T 7 4 3
♦ A 9 8 2
♣ K Q

4
16 17
3

♠ T 9 3 2

♥ Q J 9 5

♦ J 7 6

♣ 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ 7 6 4
♥ A K 8
♦ K Q
♣ A J T 7 4

♠ Q J 8
♥ 6 2
♦ T 5 4 3
♣ 9 8 5 2

West North East South
1NT Pass 6NT All Pass

6NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 16

This is another example of "She who knows, goes."

EAST has a solid 18 points, (1 extra for the fifth Club), so when WEST opens 1NT

she

KNOWS

that together they must hold at least 33 points. The may even have 35 points.

In any case they should be in slam, so EAST

GOES

to 6NT.

Deal 17

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 5 2

♥ 6 3 2

♦ T 8 4 2

♣ A J

19
9 6
6♠ K J 9
♥ A Q
♦ K Q J 9 5
♣ K T 4N
W E
S
♠ Q 7 4
♥ K J 9 7 4
♦ 6
♣ 7 6 3 2♠ T 6 3
♥ T 8 5
♦ A 7 3
♣ Q 9 8 5West North East South
Pass 2NT Pass 3NT
All Pass

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 17

NORTH has 20 points, counting one extra for the fifth Diamond. Just right to open 2NT.

SOUTH has 6 points, just enough to bid 3NT.

(20 + 6 = 26) (21 + 6 = 27)

Deal 18

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q T 3

♥ K T 6

♦ A 9 4

♣ T 7 5 2

7
9 16
8

♠ 7 6 4

♥ 5 4 3

♦ K 6 5 2

♣ A 9 6

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 5

♥ Q J 7 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ 8 4 3

♠ K J 9 2

♥ A 9 8

♦ Q T 8

♣ K Q J

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

3NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 18

After WEST passes initially, EAST opens 1NT.

With 9 points, WEST has invitational strength, so he says 2NT.

EAST has a small problem - WEST's bid tells her to bid 3NT with 17 points, but to pass

with 15 points. Her problem is that she has 16! Since it looks to her like a "good" 16 points

she bids 3NT. If those 10's and 9's had been 4's and 3's she would have passed.

Deal 19

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 8 5
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ A 5

15
5 3
17

♠ A 7
♥ A 8 4
♦ K T 6
♣ K J 7 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 3
♥ K Q T
♦ A J 7
♣ Q T 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	4NT	Pass	1NT
All Pass			6NT

6NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1¹⁹

SOUTH has a great 1NT hand - 17 points and 4-3-3-3 shape.

NORTH has 16 points; he figures it is possible that SOUTH can make a slam, but only

if she has a 17 point opener. So he bids 4NT, expecting SOUTH to bid 6NT if she has 17 points

but to pass if she has fewer.

He figured right - SOUTH had 17 points so she bid 6NT.

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ Q 9 6
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ K J 8

3
15 16
6

♠ Q
♥ T 8 7 2
♦ J T 9 7 6 4
♣ 7 5

♠ K 8
♥ A K 5
♦ A 8
♣ Q T 9 6 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ J T 9 6 5 3 2
♥ J 4 3
♦ 3
♣ A 4

West North East South
1NT Pass 6NT All Pass

6NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 20
EAST definitely does NOT have a balanced hand. She has two doubletons and a

6-card Club suit.

But she DOES have 18 points, (two extra for the fifth and sixth Clubs), and her 18 added to

WEST's minimum of 15 is enough to bid 6NT.

Notice how easy this will be to play once that Club suit is established.

Deal 21

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 4 2
♥ Q T 8 4
♦ T 8
♣ 9 7 6 4

21
6 10
3

♠ Q J T
♥ A J 7
♦ A K 6 2
♣ K Q J

N
W E
S

♠ K 8 3
♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 8 5 2

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 21
With 21 points and 4-3-3-3 distribution,
NORTH opens 2NT.

SOUTH has just 3 points; he knows that
NORTH cannot have more than 21 so the
partnership

total cannot be more than 24. So he just passes
2NT.

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

2NT by North

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 5 3
♥ K 5 3
♦ K 5 3
♣ K 7 5 3

5
12 16
7

♠ 8 7 6
♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ Q T 7
♣ Q J 6

N
W E
S

♠ Q J T 9
♥ Q J T
♦ J 9 8
♣ T 9 8

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1 22
This is an easy one to bid.

EAST has a balanced 16 points so he opens 1NT.

WEST has a balanced 12 points so she responds 3NT.

BUT - just look at how this would play. You might only be able to take 8 tricks.

Sometimes correct bidding gets you to unmakeable contracts. But it's only a game.

Deal 23

East Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q 6 4
♥ 8 7 6 4
♦ T 5
♣ 9 7 4 2

14
2 4
20

♠ K 7 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 7 4 2
♣ Q J 8

N
W E
S

♠ T 9 8 3
♥ A 2
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ T 5 3

♠ A J 5
♥ Q T 9 3
♦ K Q J
♣ A K 6

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

6NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1 23

Notrump bidding really is easy, you just add your points to partner's points and then

bid according to that answer.

Here NORTH has 14 points. So when SOUTH opens 2NT, showing 20 or 21 points NORTH knows the

total will come to 34 or 35 so he bids 6NT.

Deal 24

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 6
 ♥ K 9 3
 ♦ K 7 4 3
 ♣ A 6 2

9
 17 8
 6

♠ J T 9 2
 ♥ A J 7 5 2
 ♦ T 8
 ♣ K 9

N
 W E
 S

♠ Q 7 5
 ♥ Q 8 4
 ♦ Q 6 2
 ♣ Q 7 5 3

♠ 8 4 3
 ♥ T 6
 ♦ A J 9 5
 ♣ J T 8 4

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

1 NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1 24
 EAST cannot open with only 8 points.

Furthermore, when WEST opens 1NT EAST knows that the partnership has a 25 points at most so

he passes again.