

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 8 7 6
♥ 7 4
♦ A Q 4 2
♣ Q T 7

13
8 6
13

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ A T 6
♦ J 5
♣ K 9 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ 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

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

4♥ by South

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.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 4 3
♥ Q 7 6 4
♦ T 8
♣ 8 7 2

10
7 10
13

♠ K 7 2
♥ A J T 9 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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.

Deal 3South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 8 7 6 3
♥ J 5 4
♦ Q 7 2
♣ Q T 7

13
5 9
13

♠ A 5
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ T 9 6
♣ A 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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

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

3 NT by North

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.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 9 8 3
 ♥ K 9 5
 ♦ 8 6 3
 ♣ J 6

14
 6 7
 13

♠ A K 7 5 2

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K

♣ 9 8 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
All Pass			3NT

3NT 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.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 2
♥ 7 3
♦ A T 7 5
♣ Q T 5 3

13
6 7
14

♠ Q 4
♥ A T 8 6 4
♦ 8 3
♣ A K 8 2

N
W E
S

♠ K J T 7
♥ Q J
♦ K Q J 9
♣ J 7 6

Baker FSF 5

You show your 4-card Major. Bid 1♠. Partner rebids 2♣. What do you say next?

You have a nice ♦ suit but don't bid it now. That would be FSF and partner would assume you didn't have a ♦ stopper.

With 13 points, bid what you expect to make, 3NT. Partner passes.

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

3NT by South

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 2
♥ T 7 4
♦ K Q J 6 5
♣ 3 2

14
9 5
12

♠ A K 9 8 5

♥ A 5

♦ 8 7

♣ Q J 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 6 4 3
♥ J 9 2
♦ A 9 3 2
♣ 7 5

♠ 7
♥ K Q 8 6 3
♦ T 4
♣ A K T 8 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	3 ♣

5 ♣ by North

Baker FSF 6
You are the dealer.

You open 1 ♥. As expected, partner responds 1 ♠.

This is easy bidding so far. You bid your second 5-card suit, 2 ♣.

Partner says 2 ♦. What do you bid?

Partner's bid is FSF. He wants to know if you have 3 ♠s, (you don't), or if you can stop ♦s, (you can't). So you have to rebid one of your 5-carders, and you should bid the lower-ranking one. You bid 3 ♣ and partner raises to 5 ♣.

Deal 7South Deals
Both Vul

♠ A 9 8
♥ T 9 7 5
♦ 8 3
♣ Q T 7 5

14
6 7
13

♠ K Q J 7 6

♥ K Q

♦ K 6 4

♣ 8 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 5 3 2
♥ 4 2
♦ A 9 5 2
♣ K 4 2

♠ 4
♥ A J 8 6 3
♦ Q J T 7
♣ A J 9

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

3NT by South

Baker FSF 7
You have 15 points and you respond 1♠. Partner rebids 2♦. What do you say next?

You would love to play 4♠ if partner has 3♠s. Or, you would love partner to play 3NT if he has ♣s stopped.

So you say 3♣ (FSF) to find out if either possibility exists. Partner does have ♣s stopped and bids 3NT.

Deal 8

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 7
♥ 4
♦ Q J 6 3
♣ J T 7 6 3

14
8 5
13

♠ 6
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ A K T 9
♣ A 9 8 5

N
W E
S

♠ K T 8 5 4
♥ A K T 7
♦ 8 5
♣ K 4

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

4♥ by North

Baker FSF 8
You are the dealer.

With both 4-card minors you open 1♦. Partner responds 1♠. What do you bid next?

You cannot bid 2♥ since you are not strong enough to reverse, so you bid 2♣.

Partner jumps to 3♥. What do you bid?

Since partner jumped this is NOT FSF. Partner has a ♥ suit and a pretty good hand to go with it. You also have a ♥ suit so you bid 4♥.

Deal 9

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ T

♦ 9 5

♣ A K Q 8 3 2

9 13
13 5

13

♠ K Q J 5

♥ 8 6 4

♦ A K 7

♣ 9 7 5

N
W E
S

♠ T 6 4

♥ K 9 5 3

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ J T

♠ A 3
♥ A Q J 7 2
♦ Q T 8 3
♣ 6 4

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker FSF 9

You have a totally square 13 points. Still, you don't want to ignore a 4-card ♠ suit so you respond 1 ♠. Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say next?

You COULD bid 3 ♣, FSF, to find out if partner has a ♣ stopper but that would be pointless. You already know of an 8-card ♥ fit so you say 4 ♥.

Deal 10

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 8 5

♥ A Q T 8 7 4

♦ 9 7

♣ 7

13

6 8

13

♠ 7 4 3

♥ K 2

♦ K J T 8

♣ A Q 9 6



♠ K Q J 6 2

♥ 9 6 3

♦ A 6

♣ K 5 4

West

North

East

South

1♦

Pass

1♠

Pass

2♣

Pass

2♥

Pass

2♠

Pass

4♠

4♠ by South

Baker FSF 10
You are the dealer.

With both 4-card minors you open 1♦. Partner responds 1♠.

You cannot support ♠s with only 3 of them. Instead you bid 2♣. Partner says 2♥.

This is FSF, asking you to further describe your hand, and you have a problem. You do have a ♥ stopper so you COULD bid 2NT. You also have 3 ♠s so you COULD bid 2♠. Either way might turn out best, but that ♥K looks pretty lonesome so you choose 2♠ and partner raises to 4♠.

Deal 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q T 8 6
♥ 8 4 2
♦ J 5 2
♣ T 2

13
7 8
12

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

♠ K J 3
♥ Q T 9 7 5
♦ A Q 9 6
♣ 6

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

3NT by North

Baker FSF 11

You respond 2♣. Partner rebids 2♦. What is your next bid?

With 13 HCP and that ♣ suit you could jump to 4♣. However, that would sail you right past 3NT which is very likely to turn out your best game. Rather than rebid ♣s, find out whether partner has ♠s stopped by using FSF.

You bid 2♠ and partner then says 2NT. Where do you go from here?

It couldn't have worked out better. Notrump played from partner's side. You bid 3NT.

Deal 12

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 4 2
♥ Q T 8
♦ K Q 5 4
♣ T 8 7 2

14
7 6
13

♠ A 8 6 3

♥ A J 7 5

♦ 9

♣ K Q 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 5
♥ K 3
♦ A J 8 6 3
♣ 9 3

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker FSF 12
You are the dealer.

There is only one possibility; you open 1♣.
Partner responds 1♦.

You rebid "up-the-line", so you now say 1♥.
Partner says 1♠. What do you bid?

Be careful! This is NOT Fourth Suit Forcing. It is true that you are forced to bid, but the difference is that in this sequence partner has a real ♠ suit. With 4-card support you bid 2♠ and partner raises to 4♠.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 2
♥ A T 8 5
♦ K T 8 5
♣ T 4

13
7 8
12

♠ T 9 4
♥ K Q J 6 2
♦ 6
♣ A K 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ A 7
♥ 9 4
♦ Q J 7 3 2
♣ J 9 7 2

♠ K Q J 5 3
♥ 7 3
♦ A 9 4
♣ Q 8 3

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

4♠ by South

Baker FSF 13

You have 13 points and you respond 1♠. Partner rebids 2♣. What is your next bid?

You have ♦s stopped, and with your 13 points you might well jump to 3NT. And while you may end up at 3NT it can't hurt to find out if partner has 3 ♠s first. So you bid 2♦, FSF.

Partner says 2♠, telling you he has three of them, and you bid 4♠.

Deal 14

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4 2	♥ 2	♦ A K J 7 5 4	♣ 9 8 3
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14	7	11	
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♠ K T 8 6	♥ K J 9	♦ 6	♣ A K 6 4 2
			N
	W	E	
	S		
♠ Q J 5 3	♥ T 8 6 5	♦ Q 9 3	♣ Q 7
♠ A 7	♥ A Q 7 4 3	♦ T 8 2	♣ J T 5

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

4♥ by South

Baker FSF 14
You are the dealer.

You have 15 points and you open 1♣. Partner responds 1♥.

Show your 4-card Major, bid 1♠. Partner says 2♦.

This is FSF, asking you to further describe your hand. Since you have 3 ♥s you will naturally let partner know that. But, your hand is so good you should jump to 3♥. Remember that partner may be bidding with only 12 points.

He was pretty weak, but with your jump finds enough to say 4♥.