

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

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.

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

1 NT by North

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 2
♥ J 5 2
♦ A 4
♣ J 7 5 3 2

12
7 5
16

♠ T 9 7
♥ A 9 6
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ K 8 4

N
W E
S

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ Q 7 4 3
♦ 8 6 2
♣ T 9

♠ A Q 4
♥ K T 8
♦ J T 9 5
♣ A Q 6

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3 NT by North

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

16 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 also has a balanced hand she bids 3NT.

Deal 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 7 6
♥ 4 3
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ K 8 2

16
6 4
14

♠ K Q 8 2
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 9 4
♣ A 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ 5 4
♥ Q J T 5 2
♦ 8 2
♣ J 9 4 3

♠ A J 3
♥ A 8 7
♦ Q J T 5
♣ Q T 7

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

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1 3
NORTH has 16 points and balanced distribution.

She naturally opens 1NT.

SOUTH 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

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

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q T
♥ K T 4
♦ T 8 6 5 2
♣ Q J 8

7	8	17	♠ J 9 6
			♥ A J 5
			♦ A Q J
			♣ A 9 3 2

	N	E
W		S

♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ Q 9 6 3
♦ K 7
♣ K T 4

West North East South
 1NT

All Pass

1 NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 4

When SOUTH opens 1NT, NORTH 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
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 3 2
♥ J T 8 6
♦ K T 9 8
♣ A 5 4

9
8 6
17
 3
 6
 4
 8

♠ T 8 4
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ K J 9 3

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 5
♥ 9 5 3
♦ 7 3 2
♣ 7 6 2

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

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 6

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

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

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

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

Deal 7

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 3
♥ 6 5 2
♦ K 9 7 6 5
♣ Q J 6 3

15
6 10
9

♠ A T 6

♥ K 9 8

♦ A J 2

♣ K T 9 5

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ T 8 4
♣ 8 7 4

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

2NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1 7

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

SOUTH 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.

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

Deal 8
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8
♥ K 7 6
♦ T 6 5 3
♣ A T 6 4

2
11 7
20

♠ J 7 4 2

♥ 8 5

♦ J 4 2

♣ 9 8 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 6

♥ A J T 3

♦ A Q

♣ K J 5 2

West North East South
All Pass

2NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 8
SOUTH has a strong hand, 20 points and balanced distribution.

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

NORTH adds her 2 points to SOUTH'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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ Q J 8 6 3 2
♦ A 7 3
♣ T 9 8

8
7 5
20

♠ T 9 6 2

♥ K 7 5

♦ 9 5 4

♣ K Q 6

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 7 4 3

♥ T 9

♦ J 6 2

♣ 5 4 2

♠ K Q J
♥ A 4
♦ K Q T 8
♣ A J 7 3

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3 NT by North

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

NORTH has 8 points. She adds SOUTH'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 SOUTH passes.

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 11

Deal 11

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 4

♥ Q 9 5

♦ K Q 6 2

♣ K 8 3

♠ J 9 5

♥ A 8 4

♦ 8 7 4

♣ T 9 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ 7 6 3 2

♥ T 7 6 2

♦ T 9 3

♣ A 4

15

5 4

16

♠ A T 8

♥ K J 3

♦ A J 5

♣ Q J 7 2

West North East South

Pass 1NT Pass 4NT

Pass

4NT by South

Deal 12

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 6 2
♥ 9 3 2
♦ A 9 4 2
♣ Q J 3

9
10 6
15

♠ T 8 4
♥ Q 7 6
♦ K J 3
♣ K T 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 5
♥ K 8 5
♦ Q T 7 6
♣ A 9 7

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

2 NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1 12
SOUTH has a minimum 1NT opening hand - balanced distribution with 15 points.

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

So she says 2NT.

Since SOUTH is minimum he declines the invitation by passing.

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
South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 8 5
♥ 9 7 2
♦ 9 7 6 4
♣ J T 2

14
1 4
21

♠ K 7 4
♥ Q J 5
♦ K J T
♣ A 7 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 6 3 2
♥ T 6 4 3
♦ 8 2
♣ 9 6 5

♠ Q J 9
♥ A K 8
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ K Q 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	6NT	All Pass	2NT

6NT by North

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 NORTH who knows. She has a balanced 14 points, so when SOUTH indicates

20/21 points with his opening 2NT bid she

KNOWS

the partnership holds about 34/35 points.

Therefore she

GOES

Deal 15

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 2
♥ J 8 5 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ A T 3 2

20
5 8
7

♠ A T 6
♥ A Q 4
♦ K Q J T
♣ K J 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 9 4
♥ T 7 2
♦ 5 4
♣ Q 8 4

♠ 8 5 3
♥ K 9 6
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

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

3NT by South

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

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

Deal 16

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 3 2
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ J 7 6
♣ 6 3

17
4 3
16

♠ 7 6 4
♥ A K 8
♦ K Q
♣ A J T 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8
♥ 6 2
♦ T 5 4 3
♣ 9 8 5 2

♠ A K 5
♥ T 7 4 3
♦ A 9 8 2
♣ K Q

West	North	East	South 1NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 16

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

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

she

KNOWS

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

In any case they should be in slam, so NORTH

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 4

N
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 5

West 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

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 5
♥ Q J 7 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ 8 4 3

9
8 7
16

♠ Q T 3

♥ K T 6

♦ A 9 4

♣ T 7 5 2

N		
W	E	
S		

♠ 7 6 4
♥ 5 4 3
♦ K 6 5 2
♣ A 9 6

♠ K J 9 2
♥ A 9 8
♦ Q T 8
♣ K Q J

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

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 18

After NORTH passes initially, SOUTH opens 1NT.

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

SOUTH has a small problem - NORTH'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

West Deals

None Vul

♠ T 6 4 2
♥ J 9 3
♦ Q 5 3
♣ 9 6 3

17
3 5
15

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ K Q T

♦ A J 7

♣ Q T 8

N
W
E
S

♠ J 8 5
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ A 5

♠ A 7
♥ A 8 4
♦ K T 6
♣ K J 7 4 2

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

6NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 19

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

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

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

but to pass if she has fewer.

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

Deal 20

South Deals

None Vul

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

16	3	6	15
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♠ K 8	♦ J T 9 6 5 3 2	♥ J 4 3	♣ A 4
♦ A 8		♦ 3	
♣ Q T 9 6 3 2		♣ A 4	
N	W E	S	
♠ A 7 4	♦ A 7 4	♥ Q 9 6	♣ K J 8
♦ K Q 5 2			
♣ K J 8			

West	North	East	South
Pass	6NT	All Pass	1NT

6NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 20

NORTH 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

SOUTH'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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T 9

♥ Q J T

♦ J 9 8

♣ T 9 8

12

7 5

16

♠ K 5 3

♥ K 5 3

♦ K 5 3

♣ K 7 5 3



♠ A 4 2

♥ A 4 2

♦ A 6 4 2

♣ A 4 2

West

North

East

South

1NT

Pass

3NT

All Pass

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 22

This is an easy one to bid.

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

NORTH 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.

3NT by North

Deal 23

West Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 8 3
♥ A 2
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ T 5 3

20
4 2
14

♠ A J 5
♥ Q T 9 3
♦ K Q J
♣ A K 6

N
W E
S

♠ Q 6 4
♥ 8 7 6 4
♦ T 5
♣ 9 7 4 2

♠ K 7 2
♥ K J 5
♦ A 7 4 2
♣ Q J 8

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

6NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 23

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

bid according to that answer.

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

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

Deal 24

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 2
♥ A J 7 5 2
♦ T 8
♣ K 9

8
9 6
17

♠ Q 7 5
♥ Q 8 4
♦ Q 6 2
♣ Q 7 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ 8 4 3
♥ T 6
♦ A J 9 5
♣ J T 8 4

♠ A K 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ K 7 4 3
♣ A 6 2

West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1NT

All Pass

1 NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set1 24
NORTH cannot open with only 8 points.

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

he passes again.