

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T 4 3
♥ 9 8 3
♦ K T 7
♣ 8 2

♠ 8 7 2

♥ 7 5 4

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ 9 5 3

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♠ 6 5
♥ Q J T 6
♦ Q 9 5
♣ K Q T 6

♠ A K 9
♥ A K 2
♦ A 8 3
♣ A J 7 4

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

2 NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 1

SOUTH has a perfect hand for an opening bid of 2 .

23 points and balanced distribution is just fine.

NORTH is glad to hear his partner has lots of points, because he was shortchanged.

However, he must answer, so with 1 point he bids a negative 2

SOUTH describes her hand by saying 2NT.

NORTH does not have to bid the double negative over a 2NT bid, so he passes.

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 5
♥ T 9 4
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 6 3

♠ K 7 3

♥ Q 8 2

♦ T 9 8 6

♣ 5 4 2



♠ Q 6 4
♥ J 6 3
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A 9 8 7

♠ A 8 2
♥ A K 7 5
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q T

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

3 NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 2

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 22 points. He opens 2 .

NORTH, with 5 points, must respond

. Both these

bids are artificial.

SOUTH now describes his hand by bidding 2NT.

NORTH bids 3NT, knowing that the partnership holds at least 27 points.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 9 8 6

♥ T 9 8 3

♦ 6 5

♣ J 8 2

♠ Q J T 7 2

♥ A 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 6 5 3



♠ 5 4

♥ 7 6 4

♦ K J T 3

♣ Q T 9 7

♠ K 3

♥ K Q J 2

♦ A Q 9 8

♣ A K 4

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

3 NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 6.3
SOUTH opens 2 with her balanced 22 points.

NORTH has 8 points AND a 5-card suit. This is strong enough for a positive response, so

he bids 2 .

SOUTH completes the description of her hand by saying 2NT.

NORTH does NOT rebid the ♠ this first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3NT.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 5
♥ J 6 4 3
♦ K J 3
♣ 5 3 2

♠ A 3

♥ T 9 8 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ 8 7 6 4



♠ J T 8 6 4
♥ -
♦ Q T 5 4
♣ K Q J 9

♠ K Q 2
♥ A K Q 7 5
♦ A 7 2
♣ A T

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	.

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 4
SOUTH has 23 points and opens 2 .

NORTH, with 4 points, must respond 2

SOUTH now shows a

suit (at least 5) by bidding 2

NORTH likes

s, she has already told SOUTH she has fewer than 8 points, so she

bids 4

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 9 3
♥ Q J T 4
♦ K J T 9 7
♣ 7

♠ Q 6 2

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 5 2

♣ 9 5 3



♠ K 5 4
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 4 3
♣ T 8 6 4 2

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

3 NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 5
SOUTH has lots of points - 26 to be exact. She opens 2 .

In the old days this hand would have been opened 3NT.

NORTH has 4 points and responds 2

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SOUTH now shows her full strength by jumping to 3NT (25-27 points, balanced).

NORTH knows there is no slam, so he passes 3NT.