

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 3

♥ J T 4

◆ T 8 6

♣ A 7 6 3 2

♠ 7 4

♥ Q73

◆ A K J 7 3

♣ K J 9

N
W E
S

♠ AJT82

AK 82

Q2

T 5

♠ K Q 9 5

♥ 965

◆ 954

♣ Q 8 4

Baker 2 over 1.21
South opens 1♠. North responds 2♦, a 2/1 force to game.

South's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that North might also have 4 ♥s.

North doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. She does, however, have stoppers in ♣s so she bids 2NT. South happily says 3NT.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

3 NT by South

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 6
♥ 7 6 5 4
♦ 9 8
♣ A Q J 6 2

♠ 7 4

♥ K Q 3

♦ A K J 7 3

♣ T 9 7

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| N |
| W |
| E |
| S |

♠ K Q 5 3
♥ J 9
♦ T 6 5 4
♣ 8 4 3

♠ A J T 8 2
♥ A T 8 2
♦ Q 2
♣ K 5

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

All Pass

3 NT by South

Baker 2 over 1 22

South opens 1♠. North responds 2♦, a 2/1 force to game.

South's priority is to now show the 4-card ♥ suit. Remember that North might also have 4 ♥s.

North doesn't have 4 ♥s, nor does she have 3 ♠s. Furthermore, she does not have stoppers in ♣s so she cannot bid NT. Since she has to keep bidding, but has no reasonable bid she can make, she bids the fourth suit, 3♣. Compare this Deal with Deal 21.

South understands that North's ♣ bid is Fourth-Suit-Forcing, and does not actually show ♣s. However since South does have a ♣ stopper he bids 3NT. In this case this turns out to be the best game contract.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ -
 ♥ J T 9 8
 ♦ J T 9 6
 ♣ A K 6 4 3

♠ A K 9 7 4

♥ K Q 6 3

♦ 7 3

♣ T 7

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|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ Q J 6 5 3
 ♥ 7 5 4
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ J 9 2

♠ T 8 2
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ A 8 5 4 2
 ♣ Q 8 5

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| | | | Pass |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 2♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

2 ♠ by South

Baker 2 over 1 23
 South passes and North opens 1♠.

South now bids 2♦. Since South originally passed this is NOT 2/1 Game Force. Instead, it is forcing for one round and shows 11 or more points.

North next shows her 4-card ♥ suit. South gives a preference to 2♠.

Knowing that South does not have opening strength
 North passes 2♠.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 9 8

♥ Q 5 2

♦ Q J 9 3

♣ 9 4 2

♠ 7 4

♥ 9 8 6 3

♦ A 7 6 2

♣ K Q 3



♠ J 5 3

♥ K J T

♦ K T 5

♣ J T 7 6

♠ K Q T 6 2

♥ A 7 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 5

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| Pass | 1NT | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2♠ | All Pass | 2♣ |

2 ♠ by North

Baker 2 over 1 24

South opens 1♠. With 9 points and a doubleton ♠

North must respond 1NT.

In standard bidding South would happily pass a 1NT response. But in 2/1 the 1NT response is forcing for 1 round. South is forced to bid a 3-card minor so he says 2♣.

North prefers ♣ over ♠ but must allow for the possibility that South has bid a 3-card suit. So North gives a preference to 2♠. This is called a "false preference", but it assures the team of being in at least a 7-card fit.

South happily passes and the pair lands in a reasonable contract, probably better than 1NT.