

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 5
♥ 9 6
♦ Q 9 5 3
♣ K T 6 2

12
6 8
14

♠ A 7 3
♥ Q J T 8 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ Q 4

N
W E
S

♠ K 4 2
♥ A K 7 5
♦ A 2
♣ 8 7 5 3

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 1
SOUTH's 2NT bid is Jacoby, showing a game-forcing

raise.

NORTH has a minimum opening hand with nothing extra to show, so signs off at 4

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

4♥ by North

Deal 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 8 5 4
♥ K Q 8 4
♦ T 5 2
♣ K Q

5
13 15
7

♠ 3
♥ J T 7
♦ K J 9 3
♣ 9 8 6 4 3

♠ Q 7 2
♥ 9 5 3
♦ 8 7 6 4
♣ A J 7

N
W E
S

♠ A J T 9 6
♥ A 6 2
♦ A Q
♣ T 5 2

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

4 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 2
WEST's 2NT response is Jacoby - a game forcing raise.

EAST's 3NT bid shows extra strength, a 5-card trump suit and no singleton/void. This is

definitely NOT a suggestion to play Notrump - the trump suit is already agreed as s.

WEST cannot make any positive move, so she bids 4 which EAST passes.

Deal 3

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ 7 6 4 3
♦ 7 3 2
♣ A K T 5

13
7 6
14

♠ K Q 5 3
♥ Q J 5
♦ K Q
♣ 9 7 3 2

♠ 4
♥ A 9 8 2
♦ T 9 8 5 4
♣ Q 8 6

♠ A J T 7 6 2
♥ K T
♦ A J 6
♣ J 4

N
W E
S

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 3

Following NORTH's Jacoby 2NT, SOUTH bids

3 This is stronger than 4 and

shows a 6-card suit.

NORTH has already bid the full strength of his hand so he signs off with 4 which SOUTH passes.

Deal 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q J 7 4 3
 ♥ K Q J 5
 ♦ J 3
 ♣ 7

7
 14 14
 5

♠ T
 ♥ 4 3
 ♦ 9 6 2
 ♣ A J T 9 6 5 2

♠ 8
 ♥ T 9 8 2
 ♦ A K T 8 7 4
 ♣ 4 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ K 9 6 5 2
 ♥ A 7 6
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ K Q 8

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

4 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 4

The 3 bid shows a singleton / void in s.

EAST doesn't have much strength above what she has already shown, but she takes advantage

of the bidding level to make a control-showing 3

bid.

WEST is concerned about the

suit with a worthless doubleton,

and he knows that EAST doesn't have first-round control. He bids 4 and EAST passes.

Deal 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T
♥ T 3
♦ Q 9 6 4 2
♣ K T 6 3 2

14
5 8
13

♠ A Q J 7 4 3

♥ K Q J 5

♦ J 3

♣ 7

N
W E
S

♠ 8
♥ 9 8 4 2
♦ K T 8 7
♣ A J 5 4

♠ K 9 6 5 2
♥ A 7 6
♦ A 5
♣ Q 9 8

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	All Pass	

6 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 5
This is the companion to Deal 4.

After NORTH bids 3 to show shortage,
SOUTH makes a Control-showing bid

of 3

.

NORTH no longer worries about losing two quick

s. He uses

Blackwood to check for Aces, then bids 6 .

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q
♥ K 8 7 5
♦ A 9
♣ K Q T 9 2

3
17 14
6

♠ J 7 6 4

♥ -

♦ J T 8 6 3 2

♣ J 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 5
♥ A J T 9 6 2
♦ K Q 7
♣ 6 3

♠ T 9 8 3 2
♥ Q 4 3
♦ 5 4
♣ A 8 5

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 6
EAST's 3

rebid shows better than average strength and six trumps.

Just what WEST was hoping for. She bids Blackwood - her plan is to bid 7

West	North	East	South
		1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

if EAST has three Aces, bid 6

if he has two Aces,

and stop at 5

6♥ by West

if he has just one. If East has no Aces WEST will get a new partner.

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ A T 7 6 3
♣ 9 4

15
4 4
17

♠ K J 9 7 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ Q 5

♣ K Q T

N
W E
S

♠ 5
♥ T 3
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ A 8 7 6 3 2

♠ A Q T 6 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ K J
♣ J 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4♠ by South

s. SOUTH realized she was off two Aces.

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 7
SOUTH indicates an above normal opening with five by her 3NT rebid.

NORTH also has some extra strength so he makes a Control showing bid of 4

.

Despite both partners showing extra strength South merely signs off at 4. Why? Because NORTH's

Control bid of 4

denied first-round control in both and

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 8 5
♥ K J 7
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 8 4

8
12 15
5

♠ T 9 4 2

♥ T 9 3 2

♦ A 6

♣ A 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 6 3
♥ A Q 8 4
♦ 9 4
♣ K Q 2

♠ -
♥ 6 5
♦ K J T 7 3 2
♣ J T 9 7 3

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

4 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 8

WEST has a minimum opening hand with no extra features to brag about.

So after EAST's Jacoby 2NT bid he merely signs off at 4 .

EAST would have cooperated if WEST had made a slam try, but she doesn't have enough

to initiate the investigation herself.

Deal 9

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 3
♥ 9 6 5
♦ J T 9 3
♣ A Q 8 6 2

13
7
8
12

♠ Q 8 4
♥ A K 8 4 2
♦ 4
♣ K J 9 5

N
W
E
S

♠ A 7 6 5
♥ Q J T 7
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ 4

♠ K J T 9 2
♥ 3
♦ A 8 6 2
♣ T 7 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 9
SOUTH's 4 is a Splinter bid.

He promises 13+ points, at least four

s and a singleton or void in s.

NORTH is obviously forced to game, but she is not thrilled to hear about SOUTH's shortness. In fact,

it does nothing to help the value of her hand. So she bids the

game.

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 7 5
♥ K 6
♦ K Q 9 8
♣ J 8 3

4
13 15
8

♠ T 2
♥ 9 8 5 4 3
♦ 4
♣ A T 9 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4
♥ Q J 7
♦ J 2
♣ K Q

♠ 3
♥ A T 2
♦ A T 7 6 5 3
♣ 6 5 4

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

4 ♠ by West

Baker Bid practice/Set 9 10
EAST bids 3 to show the 6-card suit plus some extra strength.

WEST's failure to make a Control bid in either

s,

s

or

s, means just one thing -

She doesn't have any controls.

So EAST settles for game.

Deal 11
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ 5
♦ T 8 6 3 2
♣ K Q J 8 5

16
6 4
14

♠ A 9 8 3
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ A K 4
♣ 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ J T 7 6 4
♥ 4 2
♦ Q J 5
♣ T 4 3

♠ K Q
♥ A J T 9 7 6
♦ 9 7
♣ A 9 6

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 11
SOUTH's 3

bid shows extra strength and a 6-trump hand.

The next three bids are all Control-showing cue bids.

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

6♥ by South

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q 9 8 4
 ♥ A K 4
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ Q J 2

2
 16 16
 6

♠ J 2
 ♥ T 6 5
 ♦ J 6 3 2
 ♣ T 7 6 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ K 7 6 3
 ♥ J 8 3
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ A K 8 3

♠ T 5
 ♥ Q 9 7 2
 ♦ A T 7 5 4
 ♣ 9 5

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

6♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 12
 WEST shows extra strength / five trumps.

4 and 4

are Control-showing bids.

EAST knows they are missing the

A, she uses

Blackwood just to make certain WEST holds the trump Ace.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 7 6
♥ T 6
♦ Q 7 5 3
♣ T 8 2

13
6 7
14

♠ K Q J
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ 9 4
♣ J 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ T 9 5 4 2
♥ 7 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ A 7 3

♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J T 2
♣ K Q 9 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♠
	4♥	All Pass	.

4 ♥ by North

Baker Bid practice/ Set 9 13
SOUTH's 3 bid, a double-jump, is a Splinter bid. It shows game-forcing strength, at

least four cards in partner's suit, and a singleton or void in the Splintered suit.

NORTH has just 14 points and the shortness in SOUTH's hand doesn't improve her hand since

she had just one loser anyway. She signs off in 4

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 3
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A J T 2
♣ K Q 9 4

7
14
13
6

♠ A T 9 8

♥ T 7 6

♦ Q 7 6 5

♣ J T

N
W
E
S

♠ K Q J 5 2

♥ 2

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 8 7 3 2

♠ 7 6 4

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ K 4

♣ A 6 5

West	North	East	South
3♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
		6♥	All Pass

6♥ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 14

This is a companion hand to Deal 13.

EAST has 14 points, the same strength she had in Deal 13. But what a difference.

This time WEST's shortness complements her hand very well. She bids 4

to show her Control, and after WEST shows the

A she

uses Blackwood to make sure WEST also has the trump Ace.

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 8 6 4 3

♥ 9 2

♦ K T 9

♣ A 7 4

13
7 7
13

♠ K Q
♥ A K 8
♦ 7 5 4 3
♣ J T 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 2
♥ 5 4 3
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ 9 8 2

♠ A 7 5
♥ Q J T 7 6
♦ J 8
♣ K Q 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

the 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 15
NORTH has 13 points and good 3-card support
for SOUTH's 1

opening bid.

But he should not bid 2NT since that bid
promises 4+ cards in support. North must still
insure

they reach game, so he bids a forcing 2 .

When SOUTH next says 2NT NORTH can
jump to 4

NOTE: if you used Jacoby 2NT and reached

game, give yourself credit anyway.

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 3
 ♥ K J 9 6 5 2
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ K Q 5

6
 15 15
 4

♠ T 5 2
 ♥ Q T 4
 ♦ A T 8 5
 ♣ T 6 3

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

♠ A 9 8 7 6 4
 ♥ -
 ♦ 9 7 4 3
 ♣ 8 7 4

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	All Pass

5♥ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 16

WEST bids 3 to show a strong hand with a singleton .

After EAST shows her first-round control WEST decides he will bid slam if EAST has three Aces.

When Blackwood reveals just two Aces in EAST, WEST stops at 5

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7 4 3
♥ 5 4
♦ A T 5
♣ 9 4 3

12
8 7
13

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

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

just bids 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 17
NORTH bids 4 after SOUTH's Jacoby 2NT.
The reason for this bid is just to describe

her hand as having a side 5-card suit. NORTH knows the eventual contract will

be some level of

s.

SOUTH doesn't have a strong hand, but he would show

control at

this time if he had the Ace. He isn't strong enough to go past game to show the A so he

Deal 18

East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ Q J 8 4
♥ K 8 7 5
♦ A J 4
♣ 6 4

6
11 17
6

♠ T 3
♥ A Q 6
♦ 3 2
♣ T 9 8 7 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ 2
♥ T 4 3 2
♦ Q T 9 8 6
♣ K J 2

♠ A K 9 7 6 5
♥ J 9
♦ K 7 5
♣ A Q

West	North	East	South
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

4 ♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 18

WEST should not be tempted to use Jacoby 2NT with this hand. There are only 12 points, and

the Limit Raise is a perfect way to show a 12 point support hand.

EAST has more than enough strength to bid game after WEST's limit raise. If WEST had

mistakenly used a Jacoby 2NT response, EAST would probably have tried to reach slam,

and perhaps gotten too high.

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 2
 ♥ 9 5 4 3 2
 ♦ J 4
 ♣ 9 8 6 4

15
 5 4
 16

♠ J T 8 6 3

♥ K J 7

♦ A K 3

♣ K 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7
 ♥ T 6
 ♦ T 8 6 5 2
 ♣ A T 7 3 2

♠ K Q 9 5 4
 ♥ A Q 8
 ♦ Q 9 7
 ♣ Q J

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

5 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 19
 SOUTH bids 3NT to show a good hand with
 five s.

NORTH shows his

control, and SOUTH then shows her

control.

A final check with Blackwood shows two Aces missing. Too bad.

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q 8 7 5 2

♥ A 3

♦ J 6 2

♣ K Q

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

West	North	East	South	
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass	s.
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass	So they stop in game.
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 20
 WEST shows his 6-card suit by bidding 3 .

EAST shows her control and WEST shows his

control,

but it seems neither has a control in

Deal 21

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7
♥ T
♦ 8 7 5 4 3 2
♣ A 8 6 3 2

17

♠ A Q 9 6 3
♥ Q J 7 5
♦ K Q
♣ Q J

N
W E
S

♠ K J 8 4
♥ A K 9 4 3
♦ A 9 6
♣ 7

♠ T 5 2
♥ 8 6 2
♦ J T
♣ K T 9 5 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			1♥

6 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 21
NORTH might just use Jacoby 2NT since he
has great

support and

more than 13 points. But, he has so much more than 13 points that he should inform partner by

making a jump-shift. He plans to return to

s later.

SOUTH has different plans. Knowing partner has five and 17 or more points she pushes

straight to the slam.

It didn't matter, slam is cold in either Major.

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Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 4

♥ K J T 3

♦ T 9 6 5

♣ J 5 2

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ A 4 2

♦ A K 8 2

♣ K 8

N
W E
S

♠ A Q J 8 6

♥ 8 5

♦ 3

♣ A Q 9 6 3

5

17 13

5

♠ 5 2

♥ Q 9 7 6

♦ Q J 7 4

♣ T 7 4

West North East South

1 ♠

Pass

2NT

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

7 ♠

Pass

7 ♠ by West

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6 4 3

♥ 8

♦ J 9 6

♣ A J T 7 5 2

13
6 5

16

 ♠ K Q J
 ♥ A T 9 3
 ♦ K 8 7 5 4
 ♣ 8

 N
 W E
 S

 ♠ T 8 7 2
 ♥ 6 5 4
 ♦ T 3 2
 ♣ K Q 3

 ♠ A 9 5
 ♥ K Q J 7 2
 ♦ A Q
 ♣ 9 6 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	4♠

6♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/
Set9 23
NORTH bids 4 showing

support, 13+ points and a singleton

or void in s.

SOUTH first shows her

A, then, when NORTH signs off,

makes one more try by showing her A.

NORTH finally gets inspired and bids the slam.

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 7 6 2

♥ K Q J 2

♦ A 8

♣ 5

7
15 13
5♠ 8
♥ 9 7 4
♦ Q T 9 6 5 3
♣ K Q 6N
W E
S♠ A J 5 3
♥ A 6
♦ K J 7 2
♣ 8 7 4♠ T 4
♥ T 8 5 3
♦ 4
♣ A J T 9 3 2

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

6♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set9 24

EAST has a very minimum 2NT bid, but when WEST shows shortness she can Control-bid

her

A without showing extra values.

WEST's hand became huge when he heard about EAST's

A.

When Blackwood shows they hold three Aces he bids what he expects to be a comfortable slam.