

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J T 4 3
♥ 9 8 3
♦ K T 7
♣ 8 2

1
6 10
23

♠ 8 7 2
♥ 7 5 4
♦ J 6 4 2
♣ 9 5 3



♠ A K 9
♥ A K 2
♦ A 8 3
♣ A J 7 4

♠ 6 5
♥ Q J T 6
♦ Q 9 5
♣ K Q T 6

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

2NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 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.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J T 9 5
♥ T 9 4
♦ A 4 2
♣ J 6 3

5
6 7
22

♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 8 2
♦ T 9 8 6
♣ 5 4 2



♠ A 8 2
♥ A K 7 5
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q T

♠ Q 6 4
♥ J 6 3
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A 9 8 7

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 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.

Deal 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 9 8 6
♥ T 9 8 3
♦ 6 5
♣ J 8 2

7
5 6
22

♠ Q J T 7 2

♥ A 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 6 5 3



♠ K 3

♥ K Q J 2

♦ A Q 9 8

♣ A K 4

♠ 5 4

♥ 7 6 4

♦ K J T 3

♣ Q T 9 7

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♠

Pass

2NT

Pass

3NT

All Pass

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 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 his first bid already promised a 5-card suit. He just

bids 3NT.

3NT by North

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 5
♥ J 6 4 3
♦ K J 3
♣ 5 3 2

4
5 9
22

♠ A 3
♥ T 9 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ 8 7 6 4



♠ K Q 2
♥ A K Q 7 5
♦ A 7 2
♣ A T

♠ J T 8 6 4
♥ -
♦ Q T 5 4
♣ K Q J 9

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 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

Deal 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 9 3
♥ Q J T 4
♦ K J T 9 7
♣ 7

4
7 3
26

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ 9 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A J 8 7
♥ A K
♦ A 8 6
♣ A K Q J

♠ K 5 4
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 4 3
♣ T 8 6 4 2

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

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 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

.

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

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

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 5
♥ T 9
♦ A T 4
♣ J T 9 7 2

1
8 11
20

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 7 5 4

♦ J 7 2

♣ 8 6 5 3



♠ A 7 3

♥ A K Q 8 6 2

♦ 8 6

♣ A K

♠ Q J T 9

♥ J 3

♦ K Q 9 5 3

♣ Q 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♦

Pass

2♣

Pass

3♣

Pass

3♥

All Pass

3♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 6

SOUTH has 22 points and opens 2 .

NORTH is pretty weak, right? She responds 2

SOUTH bids his suit, 2

NORTH is so weak she bids the second negative - 3 .

SOUTH rebids his suit, 3

, and NORTH passes.

Deal 7

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 7 5
♥ T 6
♦ 9 7 4
♣ J T 9 8

25
3 5
7

♠ A K 6 3

♥ A K 8 2

♦ K Q J

♣ K Q



♠ 4 2

♥ Q J 9 7 5

♦ A 5 2

♣ 7 5 3

♠ J 9 8

♥ 4 3

♦ T 8 6 3

♣ A 6 4 2

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 7

NORTH has a nice 2 opening hand.

With 8 points, SOUTH can make a positive response so he bids his 5-card

suit.

NORTH likes

West

North

East

South

2♣

Pass

2♥

Pass

4NT

Pass

5♦

Pass

6♥

All Pass

s, knows there are at least 33 points, but needs to make

sure the opponents don't have two Aces so she uses Blackwood.

6♥ by North

When SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH bids 6

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 8

Deal 8

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7
♥ 8 3
♦ J T 9 5 4 3
♣ T 6 3 2

22
1 5
12

♠ K Q T 2
♥ A Q J T 5
♦ A K 2
♣ K



♠ A J 9 8 3
♥ K 7 2
♦ 6
♣ A 8 7 4

♠ 6 5 4
♥ 9 6 4
♦ Q 8 7
♣ Q J 9 5

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	7♠
Pass			

7 ♠ by South

Deal 9

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5 4 3
♥ Q T 5 3
♦ 9 7 6
♣ K 9

22
5 6
7

♠ K Q 8 6
♥ A K J 2
♦ A K Q
♣ 8 6



♠ A J T 7 2
♥ 9 8 7
♦ 8 2
♣ Q 5 3

♠ -
♥ 6 4
♦ J T 5 4 3
♣ A J T 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 9
NORTH has a minimum 2 opening.

SOUTH, with 8 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2 .

NORTH shows the support first, to set the trump suit, and to give SOUTH an opportunity

for a move toward slam if he wants to do so.

SOUTH would now make a Control-showing bid IF HE HAD A CONTROL. Since he doesn't he just returns

to 4 which NORTH passes.

Deal 10

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 5 2
♥ J T 6
♦ Q J T 9
♣ Q 6 2

22
6 4
8

♠ A Q 9

♥ A K 2

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 7 4



♠ K 6 3

♥ Q 8 5

♦ K 7 6 4

♣ 9 5 3

♠ J T 8 4

♥ 9 7 4 3

♦ 5 2

♣ K T 8

West

Pass

North

2♣

3NT

East

Pass

All Pass

South

2NT

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 10

NORTH, with 22 points and balanced, opens 2 expecting to rebid 2NT.

But SOUTH responds a positive 2NT, showing a balanced hand with 8 or more points.

NORTH bids what his hand is worth, 3NT and SOUTH passes.

Deal 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 5 4
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q T 9 8
♣ J T 6

5
6 6
23

♠ Q J 7 2
♥ Q T 7 5
♦ 7 2
♣ 8 5 4



♠ A K 9
♥ A J 8 2
♦ A 6
♣ A K 9 3

♠ T 8 3
♥ 9 3
♦ K J 5 4 3
♣ Q 7 2

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

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 11
SOUTH opens 2 and NORTH responds 2

showing fewer than 8 points.

SOUTH bids 2NT with a 23 point balanced hand.

NORTH has enough points to bid 3NT, but with two 4-card Major suits bids 3 Stayman instead. SOUTH

won't confuse this as the second negative since that bid isn't used after a 2NT rebid.

So SOUTH shows her 4-card

suit and NORTH bids 4

Deal 12

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J T 8 2
♥ T 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ T 8 6 5

24
3 2
11

♠ A K 9

♥ A K 2

♦ A 8 3

♣ A Q 7 4



♠ Q 6 3

♥ Q 8 5

♦ K 7 6 4

♣ K J 3

♠ 7 5 4

♥ J 9 7 6 4

♦ J T 9

♣ 9 2

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 12

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 11 points, so she responds 2NT to NORTH's 2 opening bid.

NORTH bids 3NT. This shows 22-24 points, a hand he was planning to rebid 2NT.

SOUTH knows the side has at least 33 points, but no more than 35 so she bids 6NT.

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6NT by South

Deal 13

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 5
♥ Q 4
♦ K J 9 8 5
♣ A 4 2

4
10 6
20

♠ 7 2
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ Q 7 4 2
♣ Q 9 3



♠ A K Q 8 6
♥ A K T 8 2
♦ A
♣ 8 6

♠ J 4 3
♥ J 6
♦ T 6 3
♣ K J T 7 5

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

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 13

SOUTH has both Majors and enough points to open 2 .

NORTH, with 4 points, responds with a negative 2

.

SOUTH first bids her higher ranking suit, 2 .

NORTH is too strong for second negative, he bids 2NT.

SOUTH now shows her second suit, 3

.

NORTH is happy to bid the game in

s.

Deal 14

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 4
♥ J 7 3
♦ 9 2
♣ A 9 8 6 5

11
5 1
23

♠ K 7 3
♥ 9 8 2
♦ A Q J 8 6
♣ J 2



♠ A Q 2
♥ A K Q 5
♦ K 7 5
♣ K Q T

♠ J T 9 6
♥ T 6 4
♦ T 4 3
♣ 7 4 3

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

6NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 14

SOUTH has a balanced hand with 23 points.
He opens 2 and expects to rebid 2NT.

NORTH has 12 points so makes a positive
response in her best suit. Since that suit is

s she must jump to the 3-level.

SOUTH now describes his balanced, minimum
hand by bidding 3NT.

NORTH bids 6NT, knowing that the
partnership holds at least 34 points.

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 8 4
♥ T 4
♦ A T 7 4
♣ T 9 7 4

8
5 2
25

♠ A T 9 7 2

♥ 9 7 5

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A 3



♠ K 6

♥ A K Q J 2

♦ K Q J

♣ K Q J

♠ Q 5 3
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 9 6 3
♣ 8 6 5 2

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

6♥ by South

6NT. She could also have bid 6

but 6NT scores a little more.

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pass

pass

NORTH, with 9 points and a 5-card suit, should make a positive response, 2 .

SOUTH bids her

s and NORTH agrees the trump suit with a

4

bid.

SOUTH thinks there is a slam, so she invokes Blackwood. Hearing that NORTH holds two Aces she bids

Deal 16

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ J 9 3
♦ A T 9 4 3
♣ J 7 2

5
6 7
22

♠ J 4 2
♥ 8 7 5 2
♦ J 7 2
♣ K 6 3



♠ 7 6 5
♥ Q T 4
♦ K Q 5
♣ T 9 8 5

♠ A K Q T 3
♥ A K 6
♦ 8 6
♣ A Q 4

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 16
NORTH has 5 points, so she responds 2

to SOUTH's opening 2 bid.

SOUTH bids his 5-card suit.

NORTH is too good for the second negative, so she supports SOUTH's .

SOUTH doesn't have enough to think about slam, so he signs off at 4 .

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 3

♥ 8 4

♦ T 7 6 3

♣ Q T 9

25

2 4

9

♠ A Q

♥ K Q J 2

♦ A Q 9 8

♣ A K 4



♠ K J 7 2

♥ A 7 5

♦ J 4 2

♣ 6 5 3

♠ T 5 4

♥ T 9 6 3

♦ K 5

♣ J 8 7 2

West

Pass

North

2♣

6NT

East

Pass

All Pass

South

2NT

6NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 17

NORTH opens 2 with her balanced 25 points.

SOUTH has 9 points but no 5-card suit. He should make a positive response of 2NT.

NORTH figures SOUTH for 8 points and bids 6NT. If SOUTH has significantly more than

8 it will be up to him to go to 7NT. But he doesn't.

Deal 18

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 9 4 3

♥ 6 4

♦ J 5 4 3

♣ Q 6 5

24

7 3

6

♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 5

♦ A K 2

♣ A K 2



♠ T 6 5

♥ T 9 7

♦ Q T 7

♣ J T 9 3

♠ 7

♥ K Q J 8 3 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ 8 7 4

West

North

East

South

2♣

Pass

2♥

Pass

2♠

Pass

3♥

Pass

6♥

All Pass

6♥ by North

Deal 19

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 4 2
♥ T 9 3
♦ T 4
♣ J 8 4 2

22
1 5
12

♠ K Q 8 7
♥ A K Q 2
♦ A K J 6
♣ 6



♠ A J T 5
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 7 2
♣ K Q 5 3

♠ 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ A T 9 7

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

6 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 19

After NORTH's 2 opening, SOUTH bids 2NT, showing a balanced hand of at least 8 points. SOUTH

actually has 12 points, but the time to show the extra strength will be later.

NORTH's 3 bid is Stayman, asking SOUTH for a 4-card Major. SOUTH mentions his and

NORTH bids 4 showing a minimum 2 opener with 4 s.

Now SOUTH adds his 12 points to NORTH's 22 minimum and gets 34. He bids 6 .

Deal 20

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 4
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A 5 4
♣ Q 9 8 4

3
7 10
20

♠ 2
♥ Q J 5 2
♦ 9 8 7 2
♣ T 7 6 3



♠ A K Q 6 3
♥ A K T 9 6
♦ T 6
♣ A

♠ T 8 7 5
♥ 3
♦ K Q J 3
♣ K J 5 2

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

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 20
NORTH has 3 points, so she responds 2

to SOUTH's opening 2 bid,

then bids 3 as a second-negative when SOUTH bids 2.

However, when SOUTH then bids

s, NORTH finds two more points

and bids 4

.

Deal 21

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 4 3
♥ J 8 4 2
♦ 9 6
♣ T 6 4

22
5 5
8

♠ Q T 8 5
♥ A K 6
♦ A K 8
♣ K Q J



♠ K J 2
♥ Q 7 5
♦ Q T 7 2
♣ 7 5 3

♠ 7 6
♥ T 9 3
♦ J 5 4 3
♣ A 9 8 2

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

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 21

NORTH expected to open 2 then bid 2NT at her second turn.

But SOUTH, with 8 points and a balanced hand, responds 2NT, so NORTH must adapt. She shows

her minimum, balanced, 22-point hand by bidding 3NT.

Since NORTH has just the 8 points minimum that he promised, he passes 3NT.

Deal 22

South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 4
♥ T 9 7 6 3
♦ A J 5
♣ Q T 2

6
7 4
23

♠ K 9 8 7
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ 7 4



♠ A Q J 2
♥ A K 5
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A 6

♠ 6 5 3
♥ 4
♦ T 4 2
♣ K J 9 8 5 3

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

4♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 23

Deal 23

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 6 5

♥ J 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ J 7 6 2

22

2 5

11

♠ A 8

♥ K Q 4

♦ A K Q J 8 6

♣ K 4



♠ K 7 2

♥ A 9 7 5

♦ T 7 2

♣ A 5 3

♠ Q J 4 3

♥ T 8 6 3

♦ 4

♣ Q T 9 8

West

North

East

South

2♣

Pass

2NT

Pass

4♣

Pass

4♠

Pass

5♣

Pass

5♥

Pass

7NT

Pass

7NT by North

Deal 24

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q J 5 2
♥ T 9 8 7
♦ 5
♣ 9 6 2

22
7 4
7

♠ 8
♥ A K Q 5
♦ A K 7 2
♣ K Q J 3

♠ K T 6 4
♥ J 4 3
♦ T 4
♣ T 8 7 5

♠ 9 7 3
♥ 6 2
♦ Q J 9 8 6 3
♣ A 4

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

6♦ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set6 24

When NORTH opens 2 SOUTH has enough strength (9 points) for a positive response. But,

because her suit is

s, she must jump to 3

.

NORTH thinks slam and uses Blackwood to discover that SOUTH holds one Ace.

That's all SOUTH needs to know to bid 6

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