

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 6  
♥ Q J 6 4  
♦ A 7 4  
♣ K T 9 7

♠ A K 9 8 7 3

♥ 8 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ J 4



♠ 5 4  
♥ A T 3  
♦ J T 5 3  
♣ A 8 6 2

♠ Q J 2  
♥ K 9 7 5  
♦ K Q 2  
♣ Q 5 3

West

North  
2♠East  
All Pass

South

2♠ by North

## Baker Bidpractice/Set5 1

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

SOUTH will be tempted to respond with his opening hand and good trump support, but he should

resist the temptation. To raise a Weak Two-bid to game you should have quick winners, not just points.

**Board 2**  
 East Deals  
 N-S Vul

♠ Q J 2  
 ♥ A K 7 5  
 ♦ A 7 2  
 ♣ A 5 3

♠ T 4  
 ♥ J T 9  
 ♦ Q J T  
 ♣ K Q 9 7 2

	N	
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♠ A K 9 8 7 3  
 ♥ 8 2  
 ♦ 9 8 6  
 ♣ J 4

♠ 6 5  
 ♥ Q 6 4 3  
 ♦ K 5 4 3  
 ♣ T 8 6

West	North	East	South
		2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All Pass		

4 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 2  
 EAST has the same hand as in Deal 1 and again  
 opens 2 .

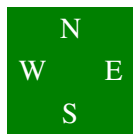
This is the type of hand WEST needs to bid game.  
 Notice that even with all those winners the

pair is nowhere close to having a slam. The will  
 probably make just ten tricks.

**Board 3**  
 South Deals  
 E-W Vul

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

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♠	All Pass	2♠

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 3

Once more, SOUTH has the same hand as Deals 1 and 2.

This time NORTH has a very poor hand without any chance of making game. However, he should bid

4 anyway.

It is very likely that the opponents can make 4

if East gets the

opportunity to get into the bidding. Hopefully the 4 bid will shut him out, and 4 probably

won't go down more than a couple of tricks.

**Board 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 4 3

♥ 8 5

♦ K Q J 9 8 6 2

♣ 9 7

♠ J T 9 2

♥ Q 4 3

♦ A 4

♣ K T 6 4

	N	
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♠ K Q 7 6

♥ A 6 2

♦ 5 3

♣ A Q 8 3

♠ A 8 5

♥ K J T 9 7

♦ T 7

♣ J 5 2

West

3 ♦

North

All Pass

East

South

3 ♦ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 4

WEST has a pretty normal preemptive 3

bid.

EAST has the equivalent of an opening 1NT bid and will be very tempted to bid 3NT.

That might turn out to be a disaster, particularly if EAST is unable to reach the WEST hand.

EAST should assume WEST can win six tricks if

s are trumps. Thinking this way points EAST to her

best call - PASS.

**Board 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ 8 7

♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2

♦ 5

♣ 8 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 2

♥ 8 4

♦ Q T 7

♣ K Q J 5 3 2

♠ A J T 6 4 3

♥ A

♦ A K 6 4

♣ 9 7

West

North

East

South

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

All Pass

4 ♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 5

Here SOUTH has the kind of hand you need to raise a preempt to game.

SOUTH assumes that NORTH has a hand with six winners in it. He can provide four more, so

that is just enough for game. He bids 4

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