

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 6
♥ Q J 6 4
♦ A 7 4
♣ K T 9 7

8
10 9
13

♠ A K 9 8 7 3

♥ 8 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ J 4



♠ Q J 2

♥ K 9 7 5

♦ K Q 2

♣ Q 5 3

♠ 5 4

♥ A T 3

♦ J T 5 3

♣ A 8 6 2

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.

Deal 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 6 5
♥ Q 6 4 3
♦ K 5 4 3
♣ T 8 6

18
5 9
8

♠ Q J 2
♥ A K 7 5
♦ A 7 2
♣ A 5 3



♠ A K 9 8 7 3
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ J 4

♠ T 4
♥ J T 9
♦ Q J T
♣ K Q 9 7 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♠	All Pass	2♠

4♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 2

SOUTH has the same hand as in Deal 1 and again opens 2 .

This is the type of hand NORTH 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.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ A Q J T 9 3
♦ Q T 5
♣ K T 8

8
12 11
9

♠ A K 9 8 7 3

♥ 8 2

♦ 9 8 6

♣ J 4



♠ Q J 6 2

♥ 7 5

♦ A 7 2

♣ Q 7 5 3

♠ T 5

♥ K 6 4

♦ K J 4 3

♣ A 9 6 2

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 3

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

This time SOUTH 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 West 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.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J T 9 2
♥ Q 4 3
♦ A 4
♣ K T 6 4

15
10 9
6

♠ K Q 7 6

♥ A 6 2

♦ 5 3

♣ A Q 8 3



♠ 4 3

♥ 8 5

♦ K Q J 9 8 6 2

♣ 9 7

♠ A 8 5

♥ K J T 9 7

♦ T 7

♣ J 5 2

West

North

East

South

All Pass

3 ♦ by South

best call - PASS.

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 4

SOUTH has a pretty normal preemptive 3

bid.

NORTH 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 NORTH is unable to reach the SOUTH hand.

NORTH should assume SOUTH can win six tricks if

s are trumps. Thinking this way points NORTH to her

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 5
♥ T 6 5
♦ J 9 8 3 2
♣ A T

6
8 10
16

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q J 9 7 3 2
♦ 5
♣ 8 6 4



♠ A J T 6 4 3
♥ A
♦ A K 6 4
♣ 9 7

♠ Q 2
♥ 8 4
♦ Q T 7
♣ K Q J 5 3 2

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

.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
♥ 8 7 6 4
♦ K Q J T 8
♣ A 9 4

13
10 8
9

♠ K 4
♥ K J 5
♦ 9 4 2
♣ K Q J 7 2



♠ A Q J 9 7 6 5
♥ Q T 2
♦ 7
♣ 6 3

♠ T 8 3
♥ A 9 3
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ T 8 5

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 6

SOUTH has a 7-card suit but he is too strong to open with a preemptive bid.

So he opens 1 instead.

NORTH should respond 2 and SOUTH can do nothing but rebid the suit.

NORTH thinks there should be game and bids 4

Deal 7

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 5
♥ T 8 5
♦ J 8 4 3
♣ A 7 3

9
5 5
21

♠ 7 6 4
♥ A K 9 7 4 3
♦ 7 2
♣ Q 5



♠ K Q
♥ Q J
♦ A K Q 6 5
♣ K J 4 2

♠ A J 8 3 2
♥ 6 2
♦ T 9
♣ T 9 8 6

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 7
NORTH is too weak to open 1

but just right for 2

.

Wow! SOUTH has 21 HCP and two good

West

North

East

South

2♥

Pass

4♥

s. Could this be time for a slam try?

All Pass

Nope, no slam here. Suppose NORTH has six

4♥ by South

s headed by the AK. The trump suit

would certainly be solid, but then NORTH couldn't possibly have an outside Ace as well or he would have been

too strong for a Weak-two opening. So SOUTH just bids 4

.

Deal 8

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 2
♥ A 9 8 5
♦ J T 7 6
♣ 9 6

15
8 10
7

West

All Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ A Q 5
♥ 4
♦ K Q 9 4
♣ K J 7 4 2



♠ J 8 3
♥ K Q J 7 6 2
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 5

North

East

South

2 ♥

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 8
NORTH really hates that 2

opening by SOUTH.

But there's no sense bidding and probably making matters worse, so she grits her

teeth and passes.

If you think 3NT has a chance you are delusional.

Deal 9

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 2

♥ K J 8 5

♦ K J 7 3

♣ T 4

15
8 8
9

♠ A Q J T 6 5

♥ 7

♦ A 9 5

♣ K J 3



♠ K 8 4

♥ A Q T 6 4 2

♦ 4

♣ 9 6 5

♠ 3

♥ 9 3

♦ Q T 8 6 2

♣ A Q 8 7 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

All Pass

3 ♠

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 9

NORTH expects to be better off in 3 than
SOUTH would be in 2

Whether or not you play a new suit as a one
round force or not, SOUTH should make the 3
bid with

a hand this good. NORTH then bids the 4 game.

Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 9 2
♦ T 8 7
♣ K J 7 5

20
5 8
7

♠ A K 7 5
♥ K 6 3
♦ K Q J 5 4
♣ A



♠ 6
♥ A Q J 8 7 5 4
♦ 6 3 2
♣ 8 4

♠ Q T 8 3
♥ T
♦ A 9
♣ Q T 9 6 3 2

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 10
SOUTH has a pretty normal 3

opening bid.

NORTH, however, has a big hand, and she launches into Blackwood.

When SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH can bid 6

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

with confidence.

6♥ by North

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 4 2
♥ A 8 4 3
♦ A 5 2
♣ 4

20
8 6
6

♠ A Q T
♥ K Q J
♦ Q J T 3
♣ A J T



♠ J 3
♥ 7 6
♦ 9 7
♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 2

♠ K 7 5
♥ T 9 5 2
♦ K 8 6 4
♣ 6 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♣

3NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 11
SOUTH doesn't have much of a 3 opening bid.

But NORTH has just the type of hand you need to bid 3NT after partner's preempt. The other three

suits well stopped, and certain entry in Opener's long suit. Notice here that 3NT is a good contract,

but 5 would go down 1.

Deal 12

South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 7
♥ A 7 5
♦ T 9 4 2
♣ 9 6 5 3

23
4 8
5

♠ A Q 6 3
♥ Q 8 2
♦ A K Q
♣ K Q J



♠ J 4
♥ K J T 9 6 3
♦ 8 7 5
♣ 4 2

♠ K 9 8 5 2
♥ 4
♦ J 6 3
♣ A T 8 7

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

4♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 12
When SOUTH opens with a Weak 2

bid, NORTH knows she will

force to game but is thinking about slam.

But first she needs to know if SOUTH has anything extra. She bids 2NT to get more information.

SOUTH returns to

s to show bare minimum so NORTH settles for game.

Deal 13

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ J 9
♦ K T 8 5
♣ A T 8 7 5 3

8
8 10
14

♠ K Q 9 8 6 2

♥ 8 6 4

♦ 9 4

♣ K 6



♠ J T 3

♥ A K 5 3

♦ A Q 7 3 2

♣ 4

♠ A 7 5

♥ Q T 7 2

♦ J 6

♣ Q J 9 2

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 13

SOUTH has one of those hands which might or might not be helpful to NORTH. He needs

more information about NORTH's hand, so he bids 2NT.

NORTH has a better than average hand, so she bids 3 to show a high card in the suit.

SOUTH was hoping for a high card in

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

s rather than so

he signs off in 3

3♠ by South

Deal 14

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K T 9 8 5 2
♥ 9 7
♦ 9
♣ Q J 7 2

8
6 8
18

♠ 7 3
♥ K 5 3
♦ K Q T 8 7 2
♣ 9 4



♠ A 6 4
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A J 4
♣ A K 6 5

♠ Q J
♥ A J T 8 6
♦ 6 5 3
♣ T 8 3

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

3NT by South

tricks

she bids 3NT.

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 14

With four fast winners SOUTH should think about game. The best approach is usually to

use 2NT to find out more about NORTH's hand.

SOUTH found out that NORTH has good opening strength, and, most importantly, either the

A or

K. Now that she doesn't

have to worry about the opponents taking the first five

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J 2
♥ T 9 4 2
♦ 8 5
♣ Q 9 7 2

17
7 7
9

♠ K Q 8
♥ A K 8
♦ J 4 3
♣ A T 6 5



♠ 9 7 5
♥ 7 6
♦ A K Q 9 6 2
♣ 8 3

♠ T 6 4 3
♥ Q J 5 3
♦ T 7
♣ K J 4

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

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 15

NORTH is strong enough to be thinking about game, depending on how good SOUTH's hand is.

So he bids 2NT to get more information.

SOUTH has the exact hand to say 3NT - a suit headed by AKQ.

Game (and bidding) doesn't get much easier.

Deal 16

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K J 6
♦ A J 9 6 2
♣ 7 6 3

11
13 9
7

♠ T 9 2
♥ A 8 7 4 3
♦ 3
♣ A K 9 2



♠ K Q J 8 7 5 3
♥ 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ J 5

♠ 4
♥ Q T 9 5
♦ K Q T 8
♣ Q T 8 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

4♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 16

NORTH assumes her partner can win six tricks. So she will need to contribute four more to

make game.

Three of them are obvious, and she expects to get a

ruff also.

Deal 17

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J T 3
♥ T 9 6
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ T 9 3

10
6 10
14

♠ A K 8 7 6 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 8 3

♣ K 6 5



♠ Q 9

♥ J 7 5

♦ A 9 6

♣ A Q J 4 2

♠ 5 4

♥ A K Q 4 2

♦ J T 7 4

♣ 8 7

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 17

NORTH's hand has the look of a Weak Two-bid, but it is one point too strong. So she opens 1 .

SOUTH naturally bids 2 and NORTH rebids the suit.

SOUTH always knew there would be a game bid, so with an 8-card fit he bids 4

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

4 ♠ by South

Deal 18

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A T
♥ 9 4 2
♦ Q T 6 3
♣ A T 9 8

13
10 10
7

♠ Q J 8 3
♥ T 6
♦ K J 4
♣ K Q J 4



♠ 6 5
♥ A Q J 8 7 5 3
♦ 9 7 5
♣ 5

♠ K 9 7 4 2
♥ K
♦ A 8 2
♣ 7 6 3 2

West	North	East	South
			3 ♥
All Pass			

3 ♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 18

NORTH may have an opening hand, but it is just the wrong kind of hand to respond to

partner's preemptive bid. She doesn't have the immediate winners that SOUTH is likely

to need, but she is in good shape for defense should the opponents bid.

In other words, NORTH has the perfect hand with which to pass.

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 8 7 6 3 2
♥ J 4 2
♦ T
♣ Q 7 3

21
3 7
9

♠ K Q J

♥ A K 7

♦ J 6 3

♣ A K 4 2



♠ 5 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K Q 9 7 4

♣ 8 5

♠ A 9

♥ Q T 9 5

♦ 8 5 2

♣ J T 9 6

West

North

East

South

Pass

2NT

Pass

2♦

Pass

6NT

All Pass

3NT

6NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 19

The 2NT response to a Weak Two opening is a wonderful tool. You can learn a lot about

partner's hand and you are absolutely certain that it will not be passed out.

In this Deal NORTH has a huge hand and SOUTH opens 2

.

There are a lot of approaches NORTH might try, but the simplest is to start with 2NT.

When SOUTH shows

A K Q x x x NORTH has an easy 6NT bid.

Deal 20

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ T 9 7 6
♦ A Q T 7
♣ K J T 2

15
10 6
9

♠ K J 6
♥ A Q J 4 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A 5



♠ A Q 9 7 5 2
♥ K 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 7 3

♠ T 8 3
♥ 8 5
♦ K J 3
♣ Q 9 8 6 4

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 20

NORTH is unsure whether to bid game or not.
So she temporizes with 2NT.

SOUTH shows an above average hand plus a high card in

s.

NORTH is no longer unsure, so she bids 4 .

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

4 ♠ by North

Deal 21

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T
♥ T 9 8 7 6
♦ A K J T 5
♣ Q 6

6
10 9
15

♠ A Q 9 8 6 4

♥ 5 3

♦ 8 7 3

♣ 7 2



♠ K J 3

♥ A Q J 4 2

♦ 9 6 4

♣ A 5

♠ 7 5 2

♥ K

♦ Q 2

♣ K J T 9 8 4 3

West

Pass

North

2♠

3♠

East

Pass

All Pass

South

2NT

3♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 21

SOUTH is unsure whether to bid game or not, so he bids 2NT to get more information about

NORTH's hand.

NORTH's 3 is discouraging, a hand below average in strength and no outside high card.

SOUTH passes and hopes for the best.

Deal 22

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 9 4 2
♥ T 6 5
♦ Q 6 4 2
♣ A 2

6
6 10
18

♠ 5
♥ 8
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ K Q J 9 8 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J 8 7
♥ 9 3
♦ K J T
♣ T 7 5

♠ A 6 3
♥ A K Q J 7 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ 4

West

North

East

South

3 ♣

Pass

4 ♥

All Pass

4 ♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 22

SOUTH has no way to tell whether NORTH can provide one winner or not.

So she takes the bold approach and bids 4

If the opening lead is a or a

then SOUTH

will probably make the game. Otherwise she will likely go down one.

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 8 6 5
♥ T 4
♦ 9 3
♣ A K 7 5 2

14
11 7
8

♠ K 3
♥ A J 9 6 3
♦ A Q 7
♣ 8 6 4



♠ Q J T 7 4 2
♥ K Q 7 2
♦ 5 2
♣ 9

♠ 9
♥ 8 5
♦ K J T 8 6 4
♣ Q J T 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

All Pass

4 ♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 23

Most good players have an extra restriction in their Weak Two-bid guidelines - they won't

open with a Weak Two-bid when they hold an outside 4-card Major, even if the hand qualifies

otherwise. This Deal shows why.

If SOUTH opened with 2 ♠, NORTH might well pass and a

game

would be missed.

Deal 24

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 7 5 4
♥ Q 9 8
♦ Q
♣ A 5 3 2

8
8 8
16

♠ 6 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ A J T 8 3 2
♣ K 7



♠ A Q 3
♥ A J T
♦ K 7 5 4
♣ Q T 4

♠ K J 8
♥ K 6 5 3
♦ 9 6
♣ J 9 8 6

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

3NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set5 24

SOUTH responds 2NT, asking for more information.

When NORTH shows a decent hand with a high SOUTH should bid 3NT.