

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 6 3 2

♥ K 2

♦ Q J 8

♣ 8 7 6

♠ A Q

♥ J T 4

♦ T 7 4 3

♣ A K J 2



♠ K 8 7 4

♥ 6 3

♦ A K 9 6

♣ 9 5 3

♠ J 5

♥ A Q 9 8 7 5

♦ 5 2

♣ Q T 4

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1NT | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

4♥ by South

before North can pull trumps and discard one of dummy's ♠s on his fourth ♣.

Baker Signals 13

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. East led the ♦A, dummy played the ♦2 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

As soon as dummy appears you can see 3 tricks for your side. Partner surely has the ♦K to go with his Ace and you have a certain trump trick. However, that's all you can see.

Your best hope is that East may be able to win a ♠ trick, and it may be important for the first ♠ lead to come from your side of the table.

Your ♦Q play informs partner that you also have the ♦J, giving him the option of underleading his ♦K to get to your hand.

East next plays a small ♦ which you win with your ♦J. You return the ♠T. This establishes East's ♠K

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7

♥ 5 3 2

♦ 7 3

♣ A K J 9 6 4 2

♠ T 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ K Q 8 6

♣ Q 7 3



♠ A K Q 3

♥ K 9 8

♦ A J T

♣ T 8 5

♠ J 9 6 5 2

♥ A Q T 6

♦ 9 5 4 2

♣ -

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|------|----------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | | 1NT | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

3NT by West

♥J. Hopefully.

Baker Signals 14

You are South. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠5, North plays the ♠T and East wins the ♠K. To the second trick East plays the ♣T and you must discard something.

When you have made your choice

You know that North has no high ♠ honor or he would have played it to the first trick. So East has the ♠A Q left, plus all those ♣ tricks. You need to have South switch to a ♥ if possible.

North must be expecting to lead a ♠ back when he wins the ♣Q which you hope he holds. Your ♠J discard may make him rethink. If your ♠s were any good why would you be discarding a winner when all you had to do was toss a small red card?

Hopefully North will come to the conclusion that this is Suit Preference for a ♥ return and will play his

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q 7 3

♥ 4

♦ T 6 5 3

♣ T 7 2

♠ 9 6 2

♥ K T 6 3

♦ Q 9 4

♣ Q J 4



♠ T 4

♥ 9

♦ J 8 7 2

♣ A 9 8 6 5 3

♠ J 8 5

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 2

♦ A K

♣ K

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| 1♠ | 2♥ | Pass | 1♥ |
| All Pass | | | 4♥ |

4♥ by South

Baker Signals 15

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♠A, dummy played the ♠2 and you signal with your ♠T. West next plays the ♠Q and you drop the ♠4, completing your doubleton signal. West then plays the ♠K and it turns out you don't have to ruff after all. So what are you going to play?

When you have made your choice

This should be a clear enough signal for West to play a ♣ to your ♣A next.

An alternate play, just as good, would be for you to ruff the good ♠Q and play the ♣A yourself.

If you don't get your ♣ trick at trick 4 you will never get it. South will discard his ♣K on North's extra ♦ winner.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 7 5 4

♥ T 8 5

♦ A K

♣ 8 5 4

♠ T

♥ 9 6 4 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ K Q T 6 3



♠ Q J 9 8 6 3

♥ Q 7 2

♦ Q 8 4

♣ J

♠ 2

♥ A K J

♦ J T 6 3 2

♣ A 9 7 2

West

1 ♠

North

Pass

East

4 ♠

South

All Pass

4 ♠ by East

North dutifully plays a ♥ and you take the next three tricks. Had he switched to a ♦ instead, West would have been able to discard one of his ♥ losers on East's ♦ Q.

Baker Signals 16

You are South. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♣ K, dummy's singleton was played and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

North will look at your ♣ 9 and perhaps think for an instant that you want him to play another ♣.

But it will be a short instant because a look at dummy makes it absolutely clear to everybody that playing another ♣ could not help your side. Dummy has so many trumps that repeated ♣ leads would do nothing.

OK. If it's not an encouraging Attitude signal, what is it? Suit preference of course. Since it is a high spot card you are asking North to switch to the higher suit (choosing between ♦ s and ♥ s).