

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 8 6

♥ 9 7

♦ T 8 3

♣ J 9 8 4

♠ 4 3

♥ A K Q J

♦ A K

♣ A K Q 5 2

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

♠ A K Q 7 5 2

♥ 8 6 4

♦ 7 5

♣ 6 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	7NT	All Pass	3NT

7 NT by North

Baker Squeeze 9

South's 3NT rebid shows 6 ♠s headed by A K Q and nothing else. North is to play 7NT. East leads the ♦Q.

Win the ♦K and (IMPORTANT!) test the ♣s first by playing ♣ A K Q. Darn. East discards a ♦ on the ♣Q.

Play your 4 ♥ winner's next. East follows suit while West follows twice, then discards 2 ♦s.

Play your ♦A. West must give up.

If he throws the ♣J, you win. But if he throws a ♠ you also win. This is what is called a Win-Win bridge play.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 6
♥ A K 8 6
♦ 9 7 3
♣ A K Q J

♠ 9 7 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ A 6 5 2

♣ 9 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q J
♥ 9 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ T 8 7 4

♠ 8 5 3
♥ Q T 7 2
♦ J T 8 4
♣ 6 3

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

6NT by West

Baker Squeeze 10

East is to play 6NT. South leads the ♦ J. North takes the ♦ A and returns the ♦ 2.

With all those high ♦'s falling on the first two tricks dummy's ♦ 9 has become a threat against South. If it should happen that South also holds the only ♥ stopper you can squeeze him in the red suits.

On the last 2 ♣'s South discards a ♦ and a ♥.

You discard a small ♥ from dummy while South follows suit three times.

Play your ♠ J and watch what South discards.

If he holds on to the ♦ T you will discard dummy's useless ♦ 9 and hope the ♥'s all fall under the ♥ A K.

If he discards the ♦ T then you throw dummy's small ♥ and dummy wins the last three tricks.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 4 2
♥ J T 9 6 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ J 6

♠ A K Q 5

♥ 7 5

♦ T 7 2

♣ A T 7 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J T 8 6
♥ A 8 4 2
♦ 5
♣ K 9 4 2

♠ 9 3
♥ K Q
♦ A K Q J 9 3
♣ Q 8 3

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

6NT by South

a ♠ dummy's ♠ 5 will win the last trick. This is soooo much fun.

Baker Squeeze 11

South is to play 6NT. West leads the ♥ J. East wins the ♥ A and returns the ♥ 2.

No matter how the ♠s split only one defender will hold the Guard because only one defender can have as many as 4. IF (it's a big IF) that same defender holds the ♣ K then you can squeeze him.

Can you see how the squeeze is going to work?

The solution is the Vienna Coup. Play a ♣ to the ♣ A at trick 3.

Then start running the ♦ suit.

So far neither defender is hurting, but that is about to change.

You play your ♦ 3 and discard dummy's ♣ T.

East is squeezed. He can't throw his ♣ K without letting your ♣ Q become a winner. But if he discards

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 7

♥ A Q J 7 5 2

♦ J 5

♣ 7 6 4

♠ Q J T 6 4

♥ T

♦ T 9 7 4 2

♣ 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 3

♥ K 9 8 6 3

♦ A 6

♣ A K Q 5

♠ A 8 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ J T 9 3

West

1♥

3♥

North

Pass

Pass

East

3♣

South

Pass

6♥

6♥ by East

Baker Squeeze 12

West is to play 6♥. North leads the ♠Q. South wins the ♠A and plays the ♦K.

In this hand dummy's fourth ♣ is an obvious Threat, so you should ask yourself if you can find another Threat for when ♣s don't split 3-3. Another thing you have probably noticed is that although 3-3 splits happen about 40% of the time in real life, they NEVER happen in these pages!

Play 5 ♥ winners and the ♠K.

Play your ♥2 and dump dummy's ♦6.

South has no answer.