

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J T 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q T 9 8

♠ K 6 5 3

♥ A 7 4

♦ Q 8 3

♣ A K 4



♠ A Q 4

♥ K 8 3

♦ K 9 5

♣ J 6 3 2

♠ J T 9 7

♥ Q 6 5 2

♦ T 6 4

♣ 7 5

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

3 NT by South

Baker SecondHand 1

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♠J, won by dummy's ♠Q. The ♦5 is now played from dummy. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

Considering that North opened 1NT, he must have the ♦Q for this play to make sense.

So if you put on your ♦A, North will have TWO ♦ winners established. If instead you play low, then North cannot get a second ♦ trick and will have to look elsewhere for his ninth trick. As you can see, he is not going to be able to find it.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 6
 ♥ K 9 3
 ♦ A Q J 7 4
 ♣ K Q 7

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K T 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

♠ T 4

♥ J T 5 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ J T 9 3

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | 1 ♠ | Pass |
| 3 ♦ | Pass | 3 ♥ | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | 4 ♥ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5 ♥ | Pass |
| 6 ♥ | Pass | | |

6 ♥ by West

Baker SecondHand 2

You are South. The bidding has been as shown.

Your lead of the ♣J was won by East with the ♣A. East then played the ♥2 and you must decide whether to split your honors.

When you have made your choice

East's bidding showed at least 5 ♥s, so assuming he holds both the ♥A Q, it would be silly for him to finesse the ♥9 on the first trump play.

As it turns out, when you play low East calls for dummy's ♥K, North's ♥Q falls and you now have 2 trump tricks. If you had played the ♥T you would have tossed away the setting trick.

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 6 4
 ♥ K
 ♦ 7 6 4 2
 ♣ K Q 7 5

♠ K 7

♥ J 8 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ T 4 2



♠ Q 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ T 9 8

♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5

♥ A T 9 7 5

♦ A Q J

♣ J 8 6

West

North

East

South

Pass

4♥

All Pass

1♥

4♥ by North

Baker SecondHand 3

You are East. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♣K, and you played the ♣9 to encourage him. He continued with the ♣Q, then a small card to your ♣A. You then exit with the ♦T, taken by dummy's ♦K.

Declarer then calls for the ♥J. Do you cover with your ♥Q or not?

When you have made your choice

North has 5 ♥s and South must have at least 5. The reason you cover an Honor is that you hope to establish a lower card in either your hand or partner's hand. But your partner has one ♥ at the most so there is no hope of establishment.

Now that you have looked at the hands aren't you glad you didn't cover?

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2
♥ 9 4
♦ A K Q J
♣ A K

♠ K J 3
♥ J T 8 5
♦ T 6
♣ 9 7 6 4

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|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ A T 5
♥ Q 6 3
♦ 8 7 4 2
♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6
♥ A K 7 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ Q T 3 2

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

4 ♠ by West

Baker SecondHand 4

You are North. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♥J, covered by dummy's ♥Q and won by South's ♥K. South wins the ♥A at the second trick and continues with a small ♥ ruffed by West.

West then plays the ♠4 from his hand. Do you play low? or play the ♠J to force dummy's ♠A?

When you have made your choice

If West decides to finesse the ♠T then you will still win the one ♠ trick which you are entitled to win.

However, with West holding the ♠Q it would be very logical for him to go up with the ♠A then lead back toward his ♠Q, playing South for the ♠K. If he plays this way you will get two tricks and defeat the contract.

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J T 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q T 9 8

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K 4



♠ J T 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ T 6 4
♣ 7 5

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K T 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

♠ T 4

♥ J T 5 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ J T 9 3

Board 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J T 6 4
♥ K
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ K Q 7 5

♠ K 7

♥ J 8 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ T 4 2



♠ Q 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ T 9 8

♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5

♥ A T 9 7 5

♦ A Q J

♣ J 8 6

Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

♠ K J 3

♥ J T 8 5

♦ T 6

♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ A T 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q T 3 2

Board 9

North Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J T 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q T 9 8

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K 4



♠ J T 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ T 6 4
♣ 7 5

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

Board 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K T 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

♠ T 4

♥ J T 5 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ J T 9 3

Board 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 6 4

♥ K

♦ 7 6 4 2

♣ K Q 7 5

♠ K 7

♥ J 8 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ T 4 2



♠ Q 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ T 9 8

♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5

♥ A T 9 7 5

♦ A Q J

♣ J 8 6

Board 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

♠ K J 3

♥ J T 8 5

♦ T 6

♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ A T 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q T 3 2

Board 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J T 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q T 9 8

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K 4



♠ J T 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ T 6 4
♣ 7 5

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

Board 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K T 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

♠ T 4

♥ J T 5 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ J T 9 3

Board 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J T 6 4
♥ K
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ K Q 7 5

♠ K 7
♥ J 8 6 3 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ T 4 2



♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ Q 4
♦ T 9 8
♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5
♥ A T 9 7 5
♦ A Q J
♣ J 8 6

Board 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

♠ K J 3

♥ J T 8 5

♦ T 6

♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ A T 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q T 3 2

Board 17

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J T 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q T 9 8

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K 4



♠ J T 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ T 6 4
♣ 7 5

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

Board 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K T 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

♠ T 4

♥ J T 5 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ J T 9 3

Board 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J T 6 4

♥ K

♦ 7 6 4 2

♣ K Q 7 5

♠ K 7

♥ J 8 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ T 4 2



♠ Q 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ T 9 8

♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5

♥ A T 9 7 5

♦ A Q J

♣ J 8 6

Board 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

♠ K J 3

♥ J T 8 5

♦ T 6

♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ A T 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q T 3 2

Board 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J T 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q T 9 8

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K 4



♠ J T 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ T 6 4
♣ 7 5

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

Board 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K T 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

♠ T 4

♥ J T 5 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ J T 9 3

Board 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J T 6 4
♥ K
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ K Q 7 5

♠ K 7

♥ J 8 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ T 4 2



♠ Q 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ T 9 8

♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5

♥ A T 9 7 5

♦ A Q J

♣ J 8 6

Board 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

♠ K J 3

♥ J T 8 5

♦ T 6

♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ A T 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q T 3 2

Board 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J T 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q T 9 8

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K 4



♠ J T 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ T 6 4
♣ 7 5

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

Board 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K T 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

♠ T 4

♥ J T 5 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ J T 9 3

Board 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 6 4

♥ K

♦ 7 6 4 2

♣ K Q 7 5

♠ K 7

♥ J 8 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ T 4 2



♠ Q 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ T 9 8

♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5

♥ A T 9 7 5

♦ A Q J

♣ J 8 6

Board 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

♠ K J 3

♥ J T 8 5

♦ T 6

♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ A T 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q T 3 2

Board 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J T 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q T 9 8

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K 4



♠ J T 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ T 6 4
♣ 7 5

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

Board 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K T 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

♠ T 4

♥ J T 5 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ J T 9 3

Board 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J T 6 4

♥ K

♦ 7 6 4 2

♣ K Q 7 5

♠ K 7

♥ J 8 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ T 4 2



♠ Q 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ T 9 8

♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5

♥ A T 9 7 5

♦ A Q J

♣ J 8 6

Board 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

♠ K J 3

♥ J T 8 5

♦ T 6

♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ A T 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q T 3 2

Board 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 2
♥ J T 9
♦ A J 7 2
♣ Q T 9 8

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K 4



♠ J T 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ T 6 4
♣ 7 5

♠ A Q 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 6 3 2

Board 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 3
♦ A Q J 7 4
♣ K Q 7

♠ 9 7 5 3

♥ Q

♦ K T 5 2

♣ 8 6 5 4



♠ K Q J 8 2

♥ A 8 7 6 2

♦ 8

♣ A 2

♠ T 4

♥ J T 5 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ J T 9 3

Board 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J T 6 4

♥ K

♦ 7 6 4 2

♣ K Q 7 5

♠ K 7

♥ J 8 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ T 4 2



♠ Q 9 8 3 2

♥ Q 4

♦ T 9 8

♣ A 9 3

♠ A 5

♥ A T 9 7 5

♦ A Q J

♣ J 8 6

Board 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ 9 4

♦ A K Q J

♣ A K

♠ K J 3

♥ J T 8 5

♦ T 6

♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ A T 5

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8 7 4 2

♣ J 8 5

♠ 8 6

♥ A K 7 2

♦ 9 5 3

♣ Q T 3 2