

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9
♥ T 5 3 2
♦ Q J 9 6 4 2
♣ T 7

♠ A K Q 7 5 2

♥ 8 6 4

♦ 7 5

♣ 6 3

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♠ 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

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

7 NT by South

Baker Squeeze 9

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

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

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

Play your ♦A. East 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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 3
♥ Q T 7 2
♦ J T 8 4
♣ 6 3

♠ T 6
♥ A K 8 6
♦ 9 7 3
♣ A K Q J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q J
♥ 9 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ T 8 7 4

♠ 9 7 4 2
♥ J 4
♦ A 6 5 2
♣ 9 5 2

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

6NT by North

Baker Squeeze 10

South is to play 6NT. West leads the ♦ J. East 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 West. If it should happen that West also holds the only ♥ stopper you can squeeze him in the red suits.

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

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

Play your ♠ J and watch what West 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T 6 4
♥ T
♦ T 9 7 4 2
♣ 8 2

♠ 9 3

♥ K 9 8 6 3

♦ A 6

♣ A K Q 5

N
W E
S

♠ A 8 5 2
♥ 4
♦ K Q 8 3
♣ J T 9 3

♠ K 7
♥ A Q J 7 5 2
♦ J 5
♣ 7 6 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	3♥

6♥ by North

Baker Squeeze 12
South is to play 6♥. West leads the ♠Q. East 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.

East has no answer.