

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J T 8

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A 5

♣ 9 6 3

♠ 5 3

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J T 9 7

♣ A T 4

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♠ A 9 7 6 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 4

♣ Q J 5

♠ 4

♥ T 9 8 4

♦ 8 6 3 2

♣ K 8 7 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Dbl	All Pass		

3 NTX by South

Baker O'Leary 17

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 3NT and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

If partner had not doubled the contract you would probably have started with the ♥T, or possibly the ♣2.

But partner DID double, and most good players play that doubling 3NT is lead-directing as follows: If you have bid a suit, lead it. If doubler has bid a suit, lead it. If neither of you has bid, lead dummy's first bid suit.

So lead a ♠, certainly not a lead you would have made without the double. Partner immediately establishes 4 ♠ winners and he has the ♦A for an entry.

With any other lead declarer will make the contract.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

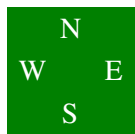
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 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ J 6 3

♠ 5 2

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♠ K Q 7
 ♥ K T 9 8
 ♦ A K 5
 ♣ T 9 2

♠ J T 9 3

♥ 4 2

♦ J T 9 6 3

♣ 8 5

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
2♣	Dbl	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

4♥ by West

Baker O'Leary 18

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 4♥ and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

If partner had not doubled West's Stayman 2♣ bid you would probably have started with one of your Jacks.

But partner DID double, and the double of a conventional bid clearly means that the doubler would like you to lead that suit.

So lead a ♣, and partner will take three ♣ tricks. With any other lead declarer would quickly discard a ♣ from dummy on a high ♦, easily making the contract.

Declarer may still make the contract if he guesses the ♥Q correctly, but maybe not.

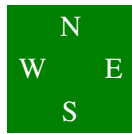
Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 2
 ♥ Q J T 6
 ♦ T 7 6 2
 ♣ 7 3

♠ A J 5
 ♥ A 9 8 5 3
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ A Q 5



♠ T 8 6 4
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ J 9 3
 ♣ J T 9 8

♠ K Q 3
 ♥ K 4
 ♦ A 8 5 4
 ♣ K 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6NT by North

Baker O'Leary 19

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 6NT and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

Admittedly the ♥ Q looks very tempting, but resist the temptation.

Since dummy bid ♥ s, don't help declarer by leading the suit. Declarer has 11 tricks, and will hope to pick up one more in ♣ s, but that won't happen.

But if you start with the ♥ Q, he will win with his ♥ K and can then establish an extra ♥ winner by leading through your ♥ J T into dummy's ♥ A 9.

With any lead other than a ♥ honor he cannot come to 12 tricks.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 9 6 3

♥ A 6

♦ K 9

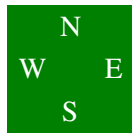
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♠ A

♥ Q J T 3

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ A 7 4 2



♠ Q T 8 5

♥ K 5 4

♦ A T

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♠ 7 4 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3

West

1 ♠

3 ♣

Pass

North

Pass

Pass

Dbl

East

2 ♣

4 ♠

All Pass

South

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ X by East

That's why you doubled.

Baker O'Leary 20

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 4 ♠ and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

Did you choose the ♥Q? I was afraid you would. That is wrong, but because this is the last Deal I'm going to give you another chance.

Look at the bidding carefully, then ask yourself why you doubled.

Now pick the opening lead that will set the contract, then

East/West apparently have 8 or more ♣s between them, which leaves partner with a singleton at most.

Partner will ruff the second ♣, and when you get into the lead with the Ace of trumps you will play a third ♣ which he will again ruff.

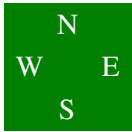
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North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J T 8
♥ 7 5 2
♦ A 5
♣ 9 6 3

♠ 5 3
♥ K Q J
♦ Q J T 9 7
♣ A T 4



♠ 4
♥ T 9 8 4
♦ 8 6 3 2
♣ K 8 7 2

♠ A 9 7 6 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ K 4
♣ Q J 5

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 8 6 4
♥ A J 6 5
♦ Q 7
♣ J 6 3

♠ 5 2
♥ Q 7 3
♦ 8 4 2
♣ A K Q 7 4



♠ K Q 7
♥ K T 9 8
♦ A K 5
♣ T 9 2

♠ J T 9 3
♥ 4 2
♦ J T 9 6 3
♣ 8 5

Board 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 7 2
♥ Q J T 6
♦ T 7 6 2
♣ 7 3

♠ A J 5
♥ A 9 8 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ A Q 5



♠ T 8 6 4
♥ 7 2
♦ J 9 3
♣ J T 9 8

♠ K Q 3
♥ K 4
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ K 6 4 2

Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 6 3

♥ A 6

♦ K 9

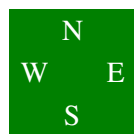
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♦ A T

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♠ 7 4 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3

Board 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J T 8
♥ 7 5 2
♦ A 5
♣ 9 6 3

♠ 5 3
♥ K Q J
♦ Q J T 9 7
♣ A T 4



♠ 4
♥ T 9 8 4
♦ 8 6 3 2
♣ K 8 7 2

♠ A 9 7 6 2
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♦ K 4
♣ Q J 5

Board 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 8 6 4

♥ A J 6 5

♦ Q 7

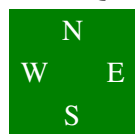
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♦ 8 4 2

♣ A K Q 7 4



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♥ 4 2

♦ J T 9 6 3

♣ 8 5

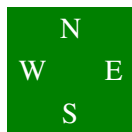
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South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 2
♥ Q J T 6
♦ T 7 6 2
♣ 7 3

♠ A J 5
♥ A 9 8 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ A Q 5



♠ T 8 6 4
♥ 7 2
♦ J 9 3
♣ J T 9 8

♠ K Q 3
♥ K 4
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ K 6 4 2

Board 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 9 6 3

♥ A 6

♦ K 9

♣ Q T 8 5

♠ A

♥ Q J T 3

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ A 7 4 2



♠ Q T 8 5

♥ K 5 4

♦ A T

♣ K J 9 6

♠ 7 4 2

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♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3

Board 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J T 8

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A 5

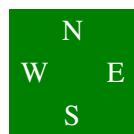
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♥ K Q J

♦ Q J T 9 7

♣ A T 4



♠ 4

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♣ K 8 7 2

♠ A 9 7 6 2

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♦ K 4

♣ Q J 5

Board 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 6 4

♥ A J 6 5

♦ Q 7

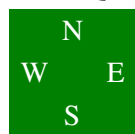
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♠ K Q 7

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♦ A K 5

♣ T 9 2

♠ J T 9 3

♥ 4 2

♦ J T 9 6 3

♣ 8 5

Board 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 7 2
♥ Q J T 6
♦ T 7 6 2
♣ 7 3

♠ A J 5
♥ A 9 8 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ A Q 5

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♠ T 8 6 4
♥ 7 2
♦ J 9 3
♣ J T 9 8

♠ K Q 3
♥ K 4
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ K 6 4 2

Board 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 9 6 3

♥ A 6

♦ K 9

♣ Q T 8 5

♠ A

♥ Q J T 3

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ A 7 4 2



♠ Q T 8 5

♥ K 5 4

♦ A T

♣ K J 9 6

♠ 7 4 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3

Board 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J T 8

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A 5

♣ 9 6 3

♠ 5 3

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J T 9 7

♣ A T 4



♠ 4

♥ T 9 8 4

♦ 8 6 3 2

♣ K 8 7 2

♠ A 9 7 6 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 4

♣ Q J 5

Board 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 6 4
♥ A J 6 5
♦ Q 7
♣ J 6 3

♠ 5 2
♥ Q 7 3
♦ 8 4 2
♣ A K Q 7 4



♠ K Q 7
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♣ 8 5

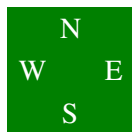
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South Deals

E-W Vul

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♥ Q J T 6
♦ T 7 6 2
♣ 7 3

♠ A J 5
♥ A 9 8 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ A Q 5



♠ T 8 6 4
♥ 7 2
♦ J 9 3
♣ J T 9 8

♠ K Q 3
♥ K 4
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ K 6 4 2

Board 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 9 6 3

♥ A 6

♦ K 9

♣ Q T 8 5

♠ A

♥ Q J T 3

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ A 7 4 2



♠ Q T 8 5

♥ K 5 4

♦ A T

♣ K J 9 6

♠ 7 4 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3

Board 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J T 8

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A 5

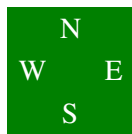
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♣ A T 4



♠ 4

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♦ 8 6 3 2

♣ K 8 7 2

♠ A 9 7 6 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 4

♣ Q J 5

Board 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 8 6 4

♥ A J 6 5

♦ Q 7

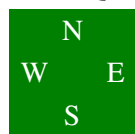
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♦ 8 4 2

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♥ K T 9 8

♦ A K 5

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♠ J T 9 3

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♣ 8 5

Board 23

South Deals

Both Vul

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♦ T 7 6 2

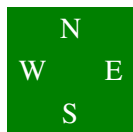
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♦ K Q

♣ A Q 5



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♥ 7 2

♦ J 9 3

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♠ K Q 3

♥ K 4

♦ A 8 5 4

♣ K 6 4 2

Board 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 6 3

♥ A 6

♦ K 9

♣ Q T 8 5

♠ A

♥ Q J T 3

♦ 8 7 5 3

♣ A 7 4 2



♠ Q T 8 5

♥ K 5 4

♦ A T

♣ K J 9 6

♠ 7 4 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3

Board 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J T 8

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♦ A 5

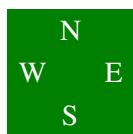
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♠ 4

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♠ A 9 7 6 2

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♣ Q J 5

Board 26

East Deals

Both Vul

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♥ A J 6 5

♦ Q 7

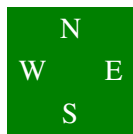
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♠ J T 9 3

♥ 4 2

♦ J T 9 6 3

♣ 8 5

Board 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 2
♥ Q J T 6
♦ T 7 6 2
♣ 7 3

♠ A J 5
♥ A 9 8 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ A Q 5



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Board 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 9 6 3

♥ A 6

♦ K 9

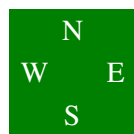
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♠ 7 4 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3

Board 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J T 8

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A 5

♣ 9 6 3

♠ 5 3

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J T 9 7

♣ A T 4



♠ 4

♥ T 9 8 4

♦ 8 6 3 2

♣ K 8 7 2

♠ A 9 7 6 2

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♦ K 4

♣ Q J 5

Board 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 6 4

♥ A J 6 5

♦ Q 7

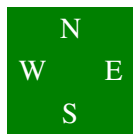
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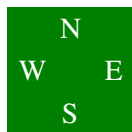
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South Deals

N-S Vul

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♥ Q J T 6
♦ T 7 6 2
♣ 7 3

♠ A J 5
♥ A 9 8 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ A Q 5



♠ T 8 6 4
♥ 7 2
♦ J 9 3
♣ J T 9 8

♠ K Q 3
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Board 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

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♥ A 6

♦ K 9

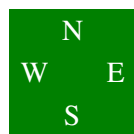
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♠ 7 4 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3

Board 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J T 8

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A 5

♣ 9 6 3

♠ 5 3

♥ K Q J

♦ Q J T 9 7

♣ A T 4



♠ 4

♥ T 9 8 4

♦ 8 6 3 2

♣ K 8 7 2

♠ A 9 7 6 2

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 4

♣ Q J 5

Board 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 6 4
♥ A J 6 5
♦ Q 7
♣ J 6 3

♠ 5 2
♥ Q 7 3
♦ 8 4 2
♣ A K Q 7 4



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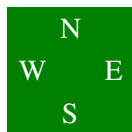
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South Deals

E-W Vul

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♦ T 7 6 2
♣ 7 3

♠ A J 5
♥ A 9 8 5 3
♦ K Q
♣ A Q 5



♠ T 8 6 4
♥ 7 2
♦ J 9 3
♣ J T 9 8

♠ K Q 3
♥ K 4
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ K 6 4 2

Board 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 9 6 3

♥ A 6

♦ K 9

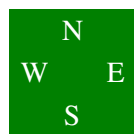
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♥ K 5 4

♦ A T

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♠ 7 4 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ Q J 6 4 2

♣ 3