

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 8 2
 ♥ J 9 7 3
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ K 9

♠ A K 4

♥ A T 8 6 5

♦ Q 3

♣ A J 4

	N	E
W		S
	7 6 5	
	K Q	
	8 7 5 2	
	Q T 8 2	

♠ Q 3
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ K J T 9 4
 ♣ 7 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Establishment 1
 South is to play 3NT. West leads the ♠J.

Winners: ♠=3 ♥=1 ♦=0 ♣=1 Total = 5

You need 4 more winners, and they will come from the ♦ suit once you have knocked out the ♦A. But there is one danger to avoid - if the defenders don't take the ♦A on the first round dummy won't have a ♦ to lead back to your hand. So to make sure you have an entry back you win the first trick with dummy's ♠K, saving your ♠Q.

Next start playing ♦s, first ♦Q, then ♦K. Assume the defenders take their ♦A on the second round.

Win whatever they now play and come to your hand with the ♠Q to enjoy your three established ♦s for 9 tricks total.

Just don't foul up on your ♠ entry.

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 6
♥ A J 9 8
♦ 9 4
♣ Q T 7 3

♠ Q T 2

♥ 7 3

♦ K 8 7 6 3

♣ 8 5 4

	N	♠ 4
W	E	♥ K Q T 6 5
	S	♦ Q J T 2
		♣ K J 6

♠ A K J 9 5 3
♥ 4 2
♦ A 5
♣ A 9 2

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

4 ♠ by South

loser on the ♦ 8.

And once again you had to pay close attention to entries.

Baker Establishment 2

You were counting on North to have a little better hand than that ♠ outh is to play 4♠. West leads the ♠ 6, East plays ♠ 4.

Losers: ♠=0 ♥=2 ♦=0 ♣=2 Total = 4

You must find a place for one of those losers and that will mean establishing the ♦ suit. If ♦'s split 3-3 that will be pretty easy so you should plan to deal with a 4-2 split. Dummy entries are limited so win the first trick in your hand with the ♠ A.

Before you pull any trumps you start on the ♦'s by playing ♦ A, ♦ K and then ruffing a ♦ with the ♠ K. West follows to the first two, then discards a ♥.

Play a small trump to dummy's ♠ T (East shows out) and ruff another ♦ with the ♠ J.

Dummy's last ♦ is now good. Play a ♠ to the ♠ Q, (pulling West's last trump), and discard a ♥ or ♣.

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4
♥ K T 5 4
♦ J T 9 5 3
♣ T 5

♠ 8 5
♥ J 7 6 2
♦ 8 6
♣ A K Q 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T 9 6 3
♥ Q 9
♦ K 4
♣ J 9 8 7

♠ A K 7 2
♥ A 8 3
♦ A Q 7 2
♣ 6 2

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Establishment 3

North's ♣ bid was Stayman, but he didn't match ♠s. South is to play 3NT. West leads the ♦J, East plays ♦K.

Winners: ♠=2 ♥=1 ♦=2 ♣=3 Total = 8

With the ♦K onside you have 8 tricks, and only need one more. If ♣s split 3-3 you can get 2 extras and make an overtrick. But when you are missing 6 cards they are more likely to be 4-2 than 3-3. Since you only need 4 ♣ tricks you should establish the suit with a duck.

Win the ♦A and play a small ♣ from each hand.

The defense gets a cheap trick in ♣s but you don't mind because you still have a small ♣ for an entry to dummy. You win whatever they return and take the rest of your winners, including 4 tricks in ♣s!

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4
♥ K Q 9 5 4
♦ J 7 3
♣ Q T 5

♠ 8 5

♥ J T

♦ 8 2

♣ A K 8 7 6 4 3

N
W
E
S

♠ Q T 9 6 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ K Q T 5
♣ J

♠ A K 7 2
♥ A 8 3
♦ A 9 6 4
♣ 9 2

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Establishment 4

South is to play 3NT. West leads the ♥5, East plays the ♥2.

Winners: ♠=2 ♥=2 ♦=1 ♣=2 Total = 7

You are very lucky. Apparently West led from ♥ K Q so you won an undeserved ♥ trick. Now, if ♣s split 2-2 you can make 12 tricks! But hold it a minute. If you play dummy's two top ♣s and they DON'T split 2-2 you will only win two ♣ tricks and the contract will fail. Instead you should play a small ♣ from dummy right now. The defenders will win the trick easily, but you will win their return and you will still have a ♣ to get to dummy's 6 ♣ winners!

Board 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 7 2

♥ Q 9 4

♦ Q T 9

♣ J T 7

♠ 9 6 4

♥ 7 3 2

♦ A 8 5 4 2

♣ 6 5



♠ J 8 3

♥ J T 8 5

♦ K J

♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ A K 5

♥ A K 6

♦ 7 6 3

♣ A K 4 2

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

But in fact you were pretty sure they were going to do so. Since West's ♠2 was probably his fourth-down then he couldn't have a fifth-down.

Baker Establishment 5

South is to play 3NT. West leads the ♠2, East plays the ♠J.

Winners: ♠=2 ♥=2 ♦=1 ♣=2 Total = 7

You need two more winners and dummy's ♦ suit is your only hope. IF ♦s split 3-2 and IF the defenders don't take too many winners in their suit(s) you can establish ♦s by ducking twice.

Win the first ♠. If you hold up they might pocket the ♠ trick and switch to another suit where you only have two stoppers.

Next play a small ♦ from each hand. Win the return (probably a ♠) and duck a second ♦.

If the defenders can only take 2 ♠ tricks now you are home-free since dummy's 3 ♦s are now established.

Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 5 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ J 8 7 2

♠ A 7 4
♥ K T 9 8 3
♦ J 5 3
♣ Q 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 8
♥ A 6 5
♦ Q T 9 6
♣ K 9 5

♠ K 6 3
♥ Q J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A T 6 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	2♥

3NT by North

Baker Establishment 6

North's 3♦ bid was a transfer to ♥s. South is to play 3NT. West leads the ♠2.

Winners: ♠=2 ♥=0 ♦=2 ♣=1 Total = 5

Obviously you need to establish 4 ♥ winners and by driving out the ♥A you can manage that handily. The problem is that dummy has only one sure entry, (the ♠A), and the defenders may be good enough to hold up their ♥A twice.

To assure the contract you should win the first trick in your hand with the ♠K. Then play ♥Q, ♥J overtaking with dummy's ♥K so you can continue establishing the suit while you still have that ♠ entry.