

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 3  
 ♥ 5 4  
 ♦ Q T 8 3  
 ♣ J 9 6 5 2

♠ 8 5

♥ A K Q 8 7 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ A Q

	N	
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♠ A K Q T 7

♥ T 9

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K 8 4

♠ J 6 4 2

♥ J 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ T 7 3

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

4 ♥ by North

**Baker Signals 6**

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠ A, West plays the ♠ 9, North the ♠ 5. You assume West has signaled you to continue ♠ s, so you play the ♠ Q. On this trick West plays the ♠ 3 and North the ♠ 8. How will you continue?

When you have made your choice

You might just switch suits, but you have a better choice.

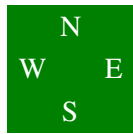
If you play your ♠ Q, West won't bother ruffing, North WILL ruff and dummy's ♠ J will be established as a winner.

The best procedure is to lead a low ♠. West will ruff and North will over-ruff but by playing this way you stop the establishment of South's ♠ J. As you can see, North would have been able to discard a loser on that ♠ J if you hadn't played this way.

**Board 2**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ K 9 6 3  
 ♥ Q J T 7  
 ♦ 8 5 2  
 ♣ 8 3

♠ J 8  
 ♥ 9 6 2  
 ♦ K Q T 9 4  
 ♣ 9 7 5



♠ A T 5 2  
 ♥ 8 5 3  
 ♦ A 7 3  
 ♣ J 6 2

♠ Q 7 4  
 ♥ A K 4  
 ♦ J 6  
 ♣ A K Q T 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

3 NT by North

want to win the second ♦ trick.

This defense holds South to one ♦ tricks, if you had let him win the second one he would have had 9 tricks.

## Baker Signals 7

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥Q, you played low and South won the ♥A.

South now plays the ♦J on which West plays the ♦2. What do you play now, and what is your plan.

When you have made your choice

North hoped his ♦ suit would provide enough tricks to make the game. You can see that there is no entry to the North hand EXCEPT in ♦s, so you want to win your ♦A on the trick that South plays his last ♦. How can you tell which trick that is?

Only by watching what West plays. On the ♦J West played the ♦2, a low card signaling that he held an ODD number of ♦s. ODD must be either one or three so when he followed to the next ♦ you know he started with three. A little bit of counting tells you that South started with the doubleton Jack, so you

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 7 2  
 ♥ J 9 5 2  
 ♦ A 8 4 3  
 ♣ 8 3

♠ J T 4

♥ A K

♦ J T 9 5

♣ A K Q J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 6 5

♥ Q T 6 4

♦ K 7 2

♣ T 5 2

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 9 7 6 4

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

3 NT by South

**Baker Signals 8**

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥4, West plays the ♥J, won by North with ♥A.

North plays the ♠J, you follow with ♠5, dummy ♠3 and West plays the ♠2. North continues with the ♠T and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

West's ♠2 tells you he had an ODD number of ♠s, obviously 3. Since North also must have 3, you must take your ♠A on the third round, depriving dummy of the extra ♠ trick.

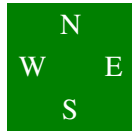
North may now turn to the ♦ suit, but your side can win the first ♦ and drive out North's ♥K. You will win 2 ♥s, 2 ♦s and the ♠A, down 1

**Board 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 4  
♥ A 8 7 5 2  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ 6 4 2

♠ K J 6  
♥ J T 6 3  
♦ A Q 6  
♣ Q T 5



♠ A Q T 5  
♥ K Q 9 4  
♦ K J  
♣ 8 7 3

♠ 9 7 3 2  
♥ -  
♦ T 9 8 4 3  
♣ A K J 9

West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	All Pass	1NT

3 NT by North

plays his ♣2 and you win 4 tricks.

**Baker Signals 9**

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥5, dummy played the ♥T and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You really want West to lead a ♣ if he gets into the lead. If you discard the ♣9 West will surely get the message and will lead a ♣. BUT - you will only win 3 ♣ tricks. The ♣9 would have been the fourth winner.

So instead, play a low card in one of the other suits, say the ♦3.

South is one trick short and he sees he can easily get that trick in ♥s. So he plays a second ♥ from dummy and you now discard the ♠2. West takes the ♥A and he can see that you don't want him to lead a ♠ or a ♦. He deduces that you might like a ♣ so he

**Board 5**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8  
 ♥ A T 9 7 6 3  
 ♦ 9 7 5  
 ♣ A 6 2

♠ A Q T 9 4 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A K

♣ Q 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 5 3

♥ 4

♦ J 8 6 4 2

♣ J 9 4 3

♠ K J 7

♥ Q J 2

♦ Q T 3

♣ K T 7 5

West

2♥

Pass

North

2♠

4♠

East

Pass

All Pass

South

3♠

4♠ by North

**Baker Signals 10**

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥4, West takes the ♥A and returns the ♥3. You ruff and then play what???

When you have made your choice

Partner played the ♥3, a low card, for you to ruff. That means his re-entry, if he has one, is in the lower-ranking suit.

Partner takes the ♣A and gives you a second ♥ ruff.