

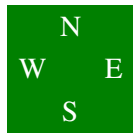
Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7
 ♥ T 7 6 4 2
 ♦ A 6 4 3
 ♣ 7

♠ A J 5
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ Q J 8
 ♣ T 9 8 5 3



♠ K Q T 4 2
 ♥ 9 8 5
 ♦ T 9 7
 ♣ A 4

♠ 6 3
 ♥ A J 3
 ♦ K 5 2
 ♣ K Q J 6 2

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

3 NT by North

Baker Signals 1

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠ K, West played the ♠ 7 and North the ♠ 5.

What do you play to the second trick?

When you have made your choice

You can see the ♠ 6, ♠ 5, ♠ 4, ♠ 3 and ♠ 2. So the ♠ 7 is West's lowest ♠, he is doing his best to discourage you from leading the suit again.

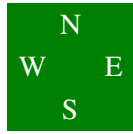
North held up with ♠ A J x, hoping you would play the suit again and give him two tricks.

If you play the ♦ T West will win the ♦ A and return a ♠, allowing you to drive out North's ♠ A while you still have the ♣ A for an entry.

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 6 3
♥ A J 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ K Q J 6 2

♠ J 7 5
♥ T 7 6 4 2
♦ A 6 4 3
♣ 7



♠ A 9 8
♥ K Q
♦ Q J 8
♣ T 9 8 5 3

♠ K Q T 4 2
♥ 9 8 5
♦ T 9 7
♣ A 4

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

3 NT by East

falsecard to tempt you into playing the suit again. This isn't too likely, but if it happens just congratulate East for the fine play.

Baker Signals 2

You are South. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠K, North played the ♠7 and East the ♠8.

What do you play to the second trick?

When you have made your choice

You cannot see the ♠5. The most likely reason is that North has it, and his ♠7 is an encouraging signal. The only reason he would encourage you is if he held either the ♠A or ♠J.

Together, you two continue to play ♠s to drive out East's ♠A. When you get the lead with your ♣A you will cash your ♠ winners and North will still have the ♦A for some icing on the cake.

There IS another possibility if East is a better than average Declarer. North just might hold ♠97, giving East ♠A J 8 5. East played the ♠8 as a

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ J 7 3
 ♣ A K Q 6 5 3

♠ A T 7 2

♥ K J 8 3

♦ Q 8 6

♣ J 4



♠ Q J 9

♥ A 9 7 5 2

♦ A K

♣ T 9 7

♠ K 8 6 3

♥ Q T

♦ T 9 5 4 2

♣ 8 2

West	North	East	South
2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
All Pass			4 ♥

4 ♥ by South

Baker Signals 3

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♣A, dummy played the ♣4 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

West will play the ♣Q on which you will play the ♣2.

West now knows you started with a doubleton, and more importantly, he also knows you want him to play a third ♣.

When he next plays the ♣K dummy will ruff, but whatever card he ruffs with you will have established a trump trick. When you later win your ♠K that will be down 1.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 5
 ♥ A K Q 5
 ♦ A T 6
 ♣ Q T 3

♠ 7 3

♥ J 8 4 3

♦ K J 9 5 2

♣ 8 2



♠ J 8 4

♥ 7 6 2

♦ 8 4

♣ K J 9 6 5

♠ Q T 9 6 2

♥ T 9

♦ Q 7 3

♣ A 7 4

West	North	East	South
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3 NT by East

Baker Signals 4

You are North. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♦ 5, South wins the ♦ Q and returns the ♦ 7. West holds up his ♦ A until the third round. He then plays the ♣ Q and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You assume (hope) that South holds the ♣ A. If he does then he will need help from you to decide which trick he should win. You play the ♣ 8 first, and the ♣ 2 next to show an even number.

If South is paying attention he will know to win the THIRD ♣. This will kill dummy's ♣ suit, and with it West's chance of making 9 tricks.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q T 8 4

♥ Q J 9

♦ K 9 5 2

♣ 9 3

♠ K 9 3

♥ A 7 6 5 4

♦ J 8

♣ Q 7 4



♠ J 7 6 5 2

♥ 3

♦ T 6 4

♣ A K T 5

♠ A

♥ K T 8 2

♦ A Q 7 3

♣ J 8 6 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

4 ♥

All Pass

2 ♥

4 ♥ by North

Baker Signals 5

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♣A, dummy played the ♣2 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

If you signal with the ♣9 East will continue with the ♣K and another which you will have to ruff. You will give up your NATURAL trump trick by doing so. Worse, you will allow South's ♣J to be established as a winner that North can later discard a ♦ on.

Much better to play low. Partner will surely switch to a ♦, and North will probably finesse, though it doesn't matter whether he does or not. You will win the ♦K, return the ♣9 back to East's ♣K, and still have your trump trick for later.

Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ J 6 4 2
♥ J 6 3
♦ A J 6
♣ T 7 3

♠ 9 3

♥ 5 4

♦ Q T 8 3

♣ J 9 6 5 2

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♠ 8 5

♥ A K Q 8 7 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ A Q

♠ A K Q T 7

♥ T 9

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K 8 4

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

4 ♥ by East

Baker Signals 6

You are South. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠ A, North plays the ♠ 9, East the ♠ 5. You assume North has signaled you to continue ♠ s, so you play the ♠ Q. On this trick North plays the ♠ 3 and East 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, North won't bother ruffing, East WILL ruff and dummy's ♠ J will be established as a winner.

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