

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
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♠ 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

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

3 NT by South

**Baker Establishment 1**

North is to play 3NT. East 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**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q T 2  
 ♥ 7 3  
 ♦ K 8 7 6 3  
 ♣ 8 5 4

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K J 9 5 3  
 ♥ 4 2  
 ♦ A 5  
 ♣ A 9 2

♠ 8 7 6  
 ♥ A J 9 8  
 ♦ 9 4  
 ♣ Q T 7 3

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

4 ♠ by East

(pulling South's last trump), and discard a ♥ or ♣ loser on the ♦ 8.

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

**Baker Establishment 2**

You were counting on West to have a little better hand than that\East is to play 4 ♠. South leads the ♠ 6, North 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. South follows to the first two, then discards a ♥.

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

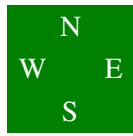
Dummy's last ♦ is now good. Play a ♠ to the ♠ Q,

**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



♠ 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	

3 NT 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**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 7 2  
♥ A 8 3  
♦ A 9 6 4  
♣ 9 2

♠ J 4

♥ K Q 9 5 4

♦ J 7 3

♣ Q T 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 5

♥ J T

♦ 8 2

♣ A K 8 7 6 4 3

♠ Q T 9 6 3

♥ 7 6 2

♦ K Q T 5

♣ J

West

1NT

North

Pass

East

3NT

South

All Pass

3 NT by East

**Baker Establishment 4**

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

Winners: ♠=2 ♥=2 ♦=1 ♣=2 Total = 7

You are very lucky. Apparently North 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**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

West

North

East

South

2NT

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3 NT by South

**Baker Establishment 5**

North is to play 3NT. East leads the ♠2, West 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.

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