

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 6 3 2

♥ K 2

♦ Q J 8

♣ 8 7 6

♠ A Q

♥ J T 4

♦ T 7 4 3

♣ A K J 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 8 7 4

♥ 6 3

♦ A K 9 6

♣ 9 5 3

♠ J 5

♥ A Q 9 8 7 5

♦ 5 2

♣ Q T 4

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

before North can pull trumps and discard one of dummy's ♠s on his fourth ♣.

**Baker Signals 13**

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. East led the ♦A, dummy played the ♦2 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

As soon as dummy appears you can see 3 tricks for your side. Partner surely has the ♦K to go with his Ace and you have a certain trump trick. However, that's all you can see.

Your best hope is that East may be able to win a ♠ trick, and it may be important for the first ♠ lead to come from your side of the table.

Your ♦Q play informs partner that you also have the ♦J, giving him the option of underleading his ♦K to get to your hand.

East next plays a small ♦ which you win with your ♦J. You return the ♠T. This establishes East's ♠K

**Board 2**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7

♥ 5 3 2

♦ 7 3

♣ A K J 9 6 4 2

♠ T 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ K Q 8 6

♣ Q 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q 3

♥ K 9 8

♦ A J T

♣ T 8 5

♠ J 9 6 5 2

♥ A Q T 6

♦ 9 5 4 2

♣ -

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT by West

♥J. Hopefully.

**Baker Signals 14**

You are South. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠5, North plays the ♠T and East wins the ♠K. To the second trick East plays the ♣T and you must discard something.

When you have made your choice

You know that North has no high ♠ honor or he would have played it to the first trick. So East has the ♠ A Q left, plus all those ♣ tricks. You need to have South switch to a ♥ if possible.

North must be expecting to lead a ♠ back when he wins the ♣Q which you hope he holds. Your ♠J discard may make him rethink. If your ♠s were any good why would you be discarding a winner when all you had to do was toss a small red card?

Hopefully North will come to the conclusion that this is Suit Preference for a ♥ return and will play his

**Board 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q 7 3

♥ 4

♦ T 6 5 3

♣ T 7 2

♠ 9 6 2

♥ K T 6 3

♦ Q 9 4

♣ Q J 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 4

♥ 9

♦ J 8 7 2

♣ A 9 8 6 5 3

♠ J 8 5

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 2

♦ A K

♣ K

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

4♥ by South

**Baker Signals 15**

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♠A, dummy played the ♠2 and you signal with your ♠T. West next plays the ♠Q and you drop the ♠4, completing your doubleton signal. West then plays the ♠K and it turns out you don't have to ruff after all. So what are you going to play?

When you have made your choice

This should be a clear enough signal for West to play a ♣ to your ♣A next.

An alternate play, just as good, would be for you to ruff the good ♠Q and play the ♣A yourself.

If you don't get your ♣ trick at trick 4 you will never get it. South will discard his ♣K on North's extra ♦ winner.

**Board 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 7 5 4

♥ T 8 5

♦ A K

♣ 8 5 4

♠ T

♥ 9 6 4 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ K Q T 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 9 8 6 3

♥ Q 7 2

♦ Q 8 4

♣ J

♠ 2

♥ A K J

♦ J T 6 3 2

♣ A 9 7 2

West

1♠

North

Pass

East

4♠

South

All Pass

4 ♠ by East

**Baker Signals 16**

You are South. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♣K, dummy's singleton was played and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

North will look at your ♣9 and perhaps think for an instant that you want him to play another ♣.

But it will be a short instant because a look at dummy makes it absolutely clear to everybody that playing another ♣ could not help your side. Dummy has so many trumps that repeated ♣ leads would do nothing.

OK. If it's not an encouraging Attitude signal, what is it? Suit preference of course. Since it is a high spot card you are asking North to switch to the higher suit (choosing between ♦s and ♥s).

North dutifully plays a ♥ and you take the next three tricks. Had he switched to a ♦ instead, West would have been able to discard one of his ♥ losers on East's ♦Q.

**Board 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 3

♥ J T 6 2

♦ K J 9 5 4 2

♣ 3

♠ K Q J 9 7 4 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 6

♣ T 7 5



♠ 5

♥ 9 7 3

♦ A 8 7

♣ A K 9 8 6 4

♠ A T 6

♥ A K Q 4

♦ Q T 3

♣ Q J 2

West

North

East

South

3♠

Pass

4♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by South

**Baker Signals 17**

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♣A. Seeing your ♣3 he next played the ♦A. What will you play on this trick?

When you have made your choice

Normally with this holding you would play the ♦9 to encourage East to play a second ♦ through dummy's ♦ Q T.

But this time you really want him to take his ♣K. So play the discouraging ♦2 and hope he gets the message to go back to ♣s. If he does play the ♣K next it will win and he can then give you a ♣ ruff.

**Board 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ J T 7 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ T 7 5

♣ A 9 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q  
♥ A T  
♦ A J 4  
♣ Q T 8 6 2

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

West	North	East	South
		2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT by West

**Baker Signals 18**

You are North. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♥5, you put on the ♥J, East won with the ♥A. The second trick was ♦A, ♦2, ♦3, ♦5. The third trick was ♦J, ♦6, ♦8, ♦7. East then put the ♣Q on the table.

When you have made your choice

Does it look to you like East is trying to create an entry to dummy so he can cash the 2 ♦ winners? That's what he wants it to look like, hoping someone holds up their ♣A.

But don't believe Declarer, believe your partner. On the first ♦ South played the ♦2. On the second ♦ he played the ♦6. He has an odd number of ♦s, obviously 3. And East must also have a third one, so he is up to some trickery with that ♣Q.

So grab your ♣A and return partner's ♥ suit.