

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3
♥ T 4
♦ K J 8 4
♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 7 3
♦ T 7 5
♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

♦ losers and make the contract.

Now assume you play low. North will play the ♠Q which will win the trick and he will no longer have a ♠ loser. BUT - now he will have no way to dispose of the two ♦ losers and will go down 1.

Baker SecondHand 19

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♥3, you play ♥T and North wins the ♥A. North pulls the last two trumps by leading low to dummy's ♥Q. He now calls for the ♠6. Will you play your ♠A or not?

When you have made your choice

When a singleton in dummy is led through your Ace it is more often better to play low than to go up with the Ace. Declarer might not even have the King, or he may have the King Jack combination and guess wrong.

Here it works out best to play low even though North has the ♠ K Q 5.

Assume you play your ♠A. North will play his loser, of course, and later will be able to discard two of dummy's ♦s on the ♠ K Q. He can then ruff his two

Board 2

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q T 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A 3
♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ J T 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2

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

6♠ by West

Baker SecondHand 20

You are South. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♦ J and dummy's ♦ A wins the first trick. Declarer pulls trumps with dummy's ♠ K, then his ♠ A. He then plays his ♦ K and follows with ♣ Q, ♣ K and ♣ A, discarding a ♥ from his hand on the last.

With all that completed East plays the ♥ A. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

It may look foolish to waste your ♥ K but look what will happen if you don't. East will follow up with another ♥ and when you win the ♥ K you will be forced to play a minor suit. Since both West and East are out of ♦ s and ♣ s you will be giving them a ruff-sluff and the contract.

But if you dump your ♥ K under East's ♥ A look at what's left. East has ♥ losers and when he plays a ♥ from either hand North will scoop up two tricks with his ♥ Q T.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3
♥ T 4
♦ K J 8 4
♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 7 3
♦ T 7 5
♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q T 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4



♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3

♥ T 4

♦ K J 8 4

♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 7 3

♦ T 7 5

♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6

♥ Q J 9 6

♦ Q 6 3

♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q T 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4



♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3

♥ T 4

♦ K J 8 4

♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J



♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 7 3

♦ T 7 5

♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6

♥ Q J 9 6

♦ Q 6 3

♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q T 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4



♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3
♥ T 4
♦ K J 8 4
♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 7 3
♦ T 7 5
♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q T 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4



♠ A J 9 6 5

♥ A 9 6 2

♦ K 7

♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3

♥ T 4

♦ K J 8 4

♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J



♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 7 3

♦ T 7 5

♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6

♥ Q J 9 6

♦ Q 6 3

♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q T 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A 3
♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4



♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3
♥ T 4
♦ K J 8 4
♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 7 3
♦ T 7 5
♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q T 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4



♠ A J 9 6 5

♥ A 9 6 2

♦ K 7

♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3
♥ T 4
♦ K J 8 4
♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 7 3
♦ T 7 5
♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q T 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4



♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3
♥ T 4
♦ K J 8 4
♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 7 3
♦ T 7 5
♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q T 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4



♠ A J 9 6 5

♥ A 9 6 2

♦ K 7

♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3

♥ T 4

♦ K J 8 4

♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 7 3

♦ T 7 5

♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6

♥ Q J 9 6

♦ Q 6 3

♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q T 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4

♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3

♥ T 4

♦ K J 8 4

♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J



♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 7 3

♦ T 7 5

♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6

♥ Q J 9 6

♦ Q 6 3

♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q T 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 9 6 5

♥ A 9 6 2

♦ K 7

♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3

♥ T 4

♦ K J 8 4

♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠	J 9 4 2
♥	7 3
♦	T 7 5
♣	Q T 6 5

♠ 6

♥ Q J 9 6

♦ Q 6 3

♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q T 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A 3
♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ J T 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3

♥ T 4

♦ K J 8 4

♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 7 3

♦ T 7 5

♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6

♥ Q J 9 6

♦ Q 6 3

♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q T 3

♥ J 8 7 4

◆ A 3

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

QT3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3

♥ T 4

♦ K J 8 4

♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 7 3

♦ T 7 5

♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6

♥ Q J 9 6

♦ Q 6 3

♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q T 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4



♠ A J 9 6 5

♥ A 9 6 2

♦ K 7

♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3
♥ T 4
♦ K J 8 4
♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 7 3
♦ T 7 5
♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q T 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4



♠ A J 9 6 5

♥ A 9 6 2

♦ K 7

♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3

♥ T 4

♦ K J 8 4

♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 7 3

♦ T 7 5

♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6

♥ Q J 9 6

♦ Q 6 3

♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q T 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4



♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A T 8 7 3

♥ T 4

♦ K J 8 4

♣ 9 8

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 7 3

♦ T 7 5

♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6

♥ Q J 9 6

♦ Q 6 3

♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q T 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A 3
♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 9 6 5
♥ A 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ J T 9 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 2

Board 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 5

♥ A K 8 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J

♠ A T 8 7 3

♥ T 4

♦ K J 8 4

♣ 9 8

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 4 2

♥ 7 3

♦ T 7 5

♣ Q T 6 5

♠ 6

♥ Q J 9 6

♦ Q 6 3

♣ A 7 4 3 2

Board 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q T 3

♥ J 8 7 4

♦ A 3

♣ A K 7

♠ 7 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ J T 5 4



♠ A J 9 6 5

♥ A 9 6 2

♦ K 7

♣ Q 3

♠ 8 4

♥ K 5

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 9 8 6 2