

**Board 1**  
North Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ A J T 8 5 2  
♥ K J 4  
♦ A 8  
♣ K 6



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

♠ Q 9 3  
♥ A Q T 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ 7 5 4

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Holdup 13  
North is to play 4 ♠. East leads the ♦ Q. West plays the ♦ 9.

Make a Plan, then .

Losers: ♠=1 ♥=0 ♦=1 ♣=2 Total = 4

On the plus side dummy has an extra ♥ winner on which you could discard a loser from your hand. The danger is that when you take the trump finesse, East might win the ♠ K and put his partner in the lead with the ♦ K for a ♣ play through your ♣ K.

To prevent that from happening all you have to do is hold up on the first ♦. You have to lose one trick in the suit no matter what, so lose it right now to East, the Safe Hand. East continues with another ♦ which you win.

You go over to dummy with a ♥ and play the ♠ Q, letting it ride. East wins with his ♠ K, but cannot play ♣ s from his side of the table without handing you a trick. Whatever else he plays you win, pull trumps, and discard a ♣ loser on dummy's fourth ♥.

At suit contracts the most common reason for a hold-up is to keep the Danger Hand from getting the lead.

**Board 2**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 9  
 ♥ A 3 2  
 ♦ 7 5 3  
 ♣ Q 9 5 4

♠ J T 5 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 6 2

♣ T 8 3

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♠ A 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ Q 8 4

♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3

♥ K Q T 8 5

♦ K T 9

♣ 7 2

West

North

East

South

3NT

All Pass

1NT

Pass

3 NT by West

**Baker Holdup 14**

East is to play 3NT. South leads the ♥K.

Winners: ♠=3 ♥=1 ♦=0 ♣=4 Total = 8

Unless there is a miracle in the ♦s, (or a defensive error), you can't get a trick in that suit. But you have a chance for a second ♥ trick.

It's the Bath Coup again, just dressed up a little differently.

Let South hold the first trick, playing the ♥7 from your hand to conceal the ♥4 in the hope that South will continue the suit. If he does you have your ninth trick - if he doesn't, good luck.

**Board 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ T 7 5

♦ T 9 4

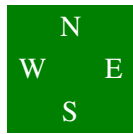
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♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J T 9 4



♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

♠ T 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

3NT

All Pass

1NT

3 NT by North

♣A he will run the ♠s.

But what will East do if you play dummy's ♠A? If he plays his small one the ♠ suit will block. If he unblocks his honor card then your ♠ T 9 5 3 will provide a second stopper in the suit. So you go up with dummy's ♠A and guarantee the contract.

Of course from now on you will recognize it.

**Baker Holdup 15**

South is to play 3NT. West leads the ♠7.

Winners: ♠=1 ♥=2 ♦=3 ♣=0 Total = 6

It's pretty clear that your extra tricks are going to have to come from the ♣ suit. The danger here is that West may have a 5-card ♠ suit that he can establish and the ♣A as an entry. So what is the best approach, hold up or not hold up?

To answer that question you must think about West's lead. Since he did not lead the ♠K you know he doesn't have a suit headed by K Q J. So you can visualize East sitting there with a doubleton honor in ♠s. It might be ♠ K x, ♠ Q x or ♠ J x, but it is surely one of those three.

Think what East will do if you duck in dummy. He will play his honor, win the trick, and clear the suit by leading his small x. If West can get in with the

**Board 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

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

♠ A J T 8 5 2  
♥ K J 4  
♦ A 8  
♣ K 6



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

♠ Q 9 3  
♥ A Q T 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ 7 5 4

**Board 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 9  
♥ A 3 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ Q 9 5 4

♠ J T 5 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 6 2

♣ T 8 3



♠ A 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ Q 8 4

♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3

♥ K Q T 8 5

♦ K T 9

♣ 7 2

**Board 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

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

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



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

♠ T 9 5 3  
♥ A K 4  
♦ A Q 7  
♣ K 6 3

**Board 7**

South Deals

Both Vul

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

♠ A J T 8 5 2

♥ K J 4

♦ A 8

♣ K 6



♠ K 6

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q J T 4

♣ A 8 3 2

♠ Q 9 3

♥ A Q T 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 7 5 4

**Board 8**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9  
♥ A 3 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ Q 9 5 4

♠ J T 5 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 6 2

♣ T 8 3



♠ A 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ Q 8 4

♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3

♥ K Q T 8 5

♦ K T 9

♣ 7 2



**Board 9**

North Deals

E-W Vul

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

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



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

♠ T 9 5 3  
♥ A K 4  
♦ A Q 7  
♣ K 6 3

**Board 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

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

♠ A J T 8 5 2  
♥ K J 4  
♦ A 8  
♣ K 6



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

♠ Q 9 3  
♥ A Q T 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ 7 5 4

**Board 11**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9  
♥ A 3 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ Q 9 5 4

♠ J T 5 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 6 2

♣ T 8 3



♠ A 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ Q 8 4

♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3

♥ K Q T 8 5

♦ K T 9

♣ 7 2

**Board 12**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ T 7 5

♦ T 9 4

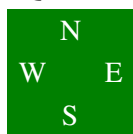
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♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J T 9 4



♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

♠ T 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

**Board 13**

North Deals

Both Vul

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

♠ A J T 8 5 2

♥ K J 4

♦ A 8

♣ K 6



♠ K 6

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q J T 4

♣ A 8 3 2

♠ Q 9 3

♥ A Q T 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 7 5 4

**Board 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9  
♥ A 3 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ Q 9 5 4

♠ J T 5 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 6 2

♣ T 8 3



♠ A 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ Q 8 4

♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3

♥ K Q T 8 5

♦ K T 9

♣ 7 2

**Board 15**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ T 7 5

♦ T 9 4

♣ A 5

♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J T 9 4



♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

♠ T 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

**Board 16**

West Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ A J T 8 5 2  
♥ K J 4  
♦ A 8  
♣ K 6



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

♠ Q 9 3  
♥ A Q T 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ 7 5 4



Board 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9  
♥ A 3 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ Q 9 5 4

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



♠ A 8 4  
♥ J 7 4  
♦ Q 8 4  
♣ A K J 6

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

**Board 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

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



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

♠ T 9 5 3  
♥ A K 4  
♦ A Q 7  
♣ K 6 3

**Board 19**

South Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ A J T 8 5 2

♥ K J 4

♦ A 8

♣ K 6



♠ K 6

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q J T 4

♣ A 8 3 2

♠ Q 9 3

♥ A Q T 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 7 5 4

**Board 20**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 9  
♥ A 3 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ Q 9 5 4

♠ J T 5 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 6 2

♣ T 8 3



♠ A 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ Q 8 4

♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3

♥ K Q T 8 5

♦ K T 9

♣ 7 2

**Board 21**

North Deals

N-S Vul

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

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



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

♠ T 9 5 3  
♥ A K 4  
♦ A Q 7  
♣ K 6 3

**Board 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ A J T 8 5 2  
♥ K J 4  
♦ A 8  
♣ K 6



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

♠ Q 9 3  
♥ A Q T 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ 7 5 4

**Board 23**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 9  
♥ A 3 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ Q 9 5 4

♠ J T 5 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 6 2

♣ T 8 3



♠ A 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ Q 8 4

♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3

♥ K Q T 8 5

♦ K T 9

♣ 7 2

**Board 24**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ T 7 5

♦ T 9 4

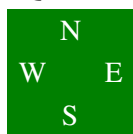
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♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J T 9 4



♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

♠ T 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3



**Board 25**

North Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ A J T 8 5 2

♥ K J 4

♦ A 8

♣ K 6



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

♠ Q 9 3

♥ A Q T 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 7 5 4

**Board 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 9  
♥ A 3 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ Q 9 5 4

♠ J T 5 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 6 2

♣ T 8 3



♠ A 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ Q 8 4

♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3

♥ K Q T 8 5

♦ K T 9

♣ 7 2

**Board 27**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ T 7 5

♦ T 9 4

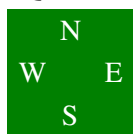
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♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J T 9 4



♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ 8 7 2

♠ T 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3

**Board 28**

West Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ A J T 8 5 2

♥ K J 4

♦ A 8

♣ K 6



♠ K 6

♥ 8 7 3

♦ Q J T 4

♣ A 8 3 2

♠ Q 9 3

♥ A Q T 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ 7 5 4

**Board 29**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 9  
♥ A 3 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ Q 9 5 4

♠ J T 5 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 6 2

♣ T 8 3



♠ A 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ Q 8 4

♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3

♥ K Q T 8 5

♦ K T 9

♣ 7 2

**Board 30**

East Deals

None Vul

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

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



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

♠ T 9 5 3  
♥ A K 4  
♦ A Q 7  
♣ K 6 3

**Board 31**

South Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ A J T 8 5 2  
♥ K J 4  
♦ A 8  
♣ K 6



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

♠ Q 9 3  
♥ A Q T 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ 7 5 4

**Board 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 9  
♥ A 3 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ Q 9 5 4

♠ J T 5 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 6 2

♣ T 8 3



♠ A 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ Q 8 4

♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3

♥ K Q T 8 5

♦ K T 9

♣ 7 2



**Board 33**

North Deals

None Vul

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

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



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

♠ T 9 5 3  
♥ A K 4  
♦ A Q 7  
♣ K 6 3

**Board 34**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ A J T 8 5 2  
♥ K J 4  
♦ A 8  
♣ K 6



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

♠ Q 9 3  
♥ A Q T 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ 7 5 4

**Board 35**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 9  
♥ A 3 2  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ Q 9 5 4

♠ J T 5 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A J 6 2

♣ T 8 3



♠ A 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ Q 8 4

♣ A K J 6

♠ 7 6 3

♥ K Q T 8 5

♦ K T 9

♣ 7 2

**Board 36**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 8 7 2

♥ T 7 5

♦ T 9 4

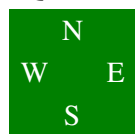
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♠ A 6

♥ 6 3 2

♦ K 5 3

♣ Q J T 9 4



♠ Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ J 8 6 2

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♠ T 9 5 3

♥ A K 4

♦ A Q 7

♣ K 6 3