

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.

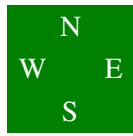
Dummy's last ♦ is now good. Play a ♠ to the ♠ Q,

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	
3NT 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	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	3NT	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.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

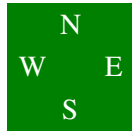
♠ A 7 4
 ♥ K T 9 8 3
 ♦ J 5 3
 ♣ Q 3

♠ J 9 8

♥ A 6 5

♦ Q T 9 6

♣ K 9 5



♠ K 6 3

♥ Q J

♦ A K 4 2

♣ A T 6 4

♠ Q T 5 2

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 8 7

♣ J 8 7 2

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass		

3 NT by West

Baker Establishment 6

West's 3♦ bid was a transfer to ♥s. East is to play 3NT. South leads the ♠2.

Winners: ♠=2 ♥=0 ♦=2 ♣=1 Total = 5

Obviously you need to establish 4 ♥ winners and by driving out the ♥A you can manage that handily. The problem is that dummy has only one sure entry, (the ♠A), and the defenders may be good enough to hold up their ♥A twice.

To assure the contract you should win the first trick in your hand with the ♠K. Then play ♥Q, ♥J overtaking with dummy's ♥K so you can continue establishing the suit while you still have that ♠ entry.