

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 8 6
♥ A 8 4 2
♦ 5
♣ K 9 4 2

♠ 9 3
♥ K Q
♦ A K Q J 9 3
♣ Q 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q 5
♥ 7 5
♦ T 7 2
♣ A T 7 5

♠ 7 4 2
♥ J T 9 6 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ J 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	6NT	All Pass	5♥

6NT by North

Baker Squeeze 11

North is to play 6NT. East leads the ♥J. West wins the ♥A and returns the ♥2.

No matter how the ♠s split only one defender will hold the Guard because only one defender can have as many as 4. IF (it's a big IF) that same defender holds the ♣K then you can squeeze him.

Can you see how the squeeze is going to work?

The solution is the Vienna Coup. Play a ♣ to the ♣A at trick 3.

Then start running the ♦ suit.

So far neither defender is hurting, but that is about to change.

You play your ♦3 and discard dummy's ♣T.

West is squeezed. He can't throw his ♣K without letting your ♣Q become a winner. But if he discards a ♠ dummy's ♠5 will win the last trick. This is soooo much fun.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 3
♥ K 9 8 6 3
♦ A 6
♣ A K Q 5

♠ A 8 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ J T 9 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 7
♥ A Q J 7 5 2
♦ J 5
♣ 7 6 4

♠ Q J T 6 4
♥ T
♦ T 9 7 4 2
♣ 8 2

West	North	East	South
		1♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

6♥ by West

Baker Squeeze 12
East is to play 6♥. South leads the ♠Q. North wins the ♠A and plays the ♦K.

In this hand dummy's fourth ♣ is an obvious Threat, so you should ask yourself if you can find another Threat for when ♣s don't split 3-3. Another thing you have probably noticed is that although 3-3 splits happen about 40% of the time in real life, they NEVER happen in these pages!

Play 5♥ winners and the ♠K.

Play your ♥2 and dump dummy's ♦6.

North has no answer.

Board 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ K Q T 7 5
♦ T 8 4
♣ J 9 5 2

♠ A 5 2

♥ J 6

♦ A K J 7 5 3

♣ K 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 7 3
♥ A 4
♦ Q 9 6 2
♣ A 8 4

♠ J T 9 6 4
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ -
♣ Q T 6 3

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

7NT by North

When you play the ♦5 East must keep both ♠s to guard against your ♠7. So he discards the ♣6, hoping partner can stop that suit.

Your ♠7 is now worthless so you throw it.

West has no problem, (yet), he discards the ♥T.

Play dummy's ♠5 to your ♠K.

West MUST keep his ♥Q so he releases his ♣5.

And you win the last three tricks with ♣K, ♣A, ♣8.

This is called a Double Squeeze.

Baker Squeeze 13

South is to play 7NT. West leads the ♥K.

Then, your second thought should be that dummy's ♥J is a Threat against West's ♥Q, so if it is West who holds 4 ♠s you will be able to squeeze him.

Since the contract is 7NT you take the first trick with the ♥A.

You continue with the ♦Q and ♦K, East discarding a ♥ and a ♣.

To find out for sure you play ♠A, then ♠Q. Sure enough West discards a ♥ on the second round.

But now a completely new possibility shows up. Say to yourself, over and over, "West must guard ♥s, and East must guard ♠s. Nobody can guard ♣s."

You start playing dummy's ♦ winners.

When you play the ♦5 East must keep both ♠s to guard against your ♠7. So he discards the ♣6, hoping partner can stop that suit.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 7 4

♥ A K 5

♦ K Q T

♣ A K 2

♠ Q J T 8 3

♥ J T 7 2

♦ 6 3

♣ T 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 5 2

♥ 6

♦ A J 9 7 4

♣ Q 8 4 3

♠ 6

♥ Q 9 8 4 3

♦ 8 5 2

♣ J 9 7 5

West	North	East	South
2♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

7 NT by West

You discard the ♠ 7.

Now North is squeezed. He cannot discard the ♠ J or he will set up dummy's ♠ 9, so he discards a ♥.

You win the last three ♥ tricks with another Double Squeeze.

Baker Squeeze 14
West is to play 7NT. North leads the ♠ Q.

So take the ♠ K and play ♣ A K Q.

North discards a ♠ on the third ♣.

Before tackling ♦ s, see what you can discover about ♠ s.

Play the ♠ A. South discards a ♥.

North guards the ♠ s. Nobody can guard the ♥ s.

Play 4 rounds of ♦ s.

You discarded a small ♠. North discarded a ♠ on the third ♦ and a ♥ on the fourth.

Play dummy's ♦ 4. South cannot throw the ♣ J or he will set up dummy's ♣ 8, so he discards a ♥.

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 6 2

♥ 7 5 2

♦ J 9 8 4 3

♣ J 4

♠ 5

♥ A K J 9 8 3

♦ A 5

♣ K 8 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K J 9 4

♥ 6 4

♦ T 7 2

♣ Q T 2

♠ T 8 7 3

♥ Q T

♦ K Q 6

♣ A 9 7 5

West	North	East	South
	1♥	1♠	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

dummy's useless ♠T. If he throws the ♠J then you toss dummy's ♣9.

Baker Squeeze 15
North is to play 6♥. East leads the ♠A, then ♠K.

Even looking at all four hands here it is still very difficult to come up with a plan.

Here's a hint: If East holds 3 ♣s, (and you see that he does), can you squeeze him in ♣s and ♠s?

The big problem with trying to squeeze East in the black suits right now is that West actually holds a ♠ guard. But you can fix that.

Play dummy's ♥Q and ♥T, then ruff a ♠, then pull the last trump.

Then lead dummy's ♣7 to your ♣K.

Only East can guard dummy's ♠T, and only East can guard dummy's ♣9.

So you play your ♥A and East must give up one of his guards. If he holds on to the ♠J then you toss