

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

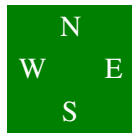
♠ 8
♥ K Q T 7 5
♦ T 8 4
♣ J 9 5 2

♠ A 5 2

♥ J 6

♦ A K J 7 5 3

♣ K 7



♠ J T 9 6 4

♥ 9 8 3 2

♦ -

♣ Q T 6 3

♠ K Q 7 3

♥ A 4

♦ Q 9 6 2

♣ A 8 4

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

7NT by North

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

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T 8 3

♥ J T 7 2

♦ 6 3

♣ T 6

♠ 9 5 2

♥ 6

♦ A J 9 7 4

♣ Q 8 4 3

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♠ A K 7 4

♥ A K 5

♦ K Q T

♣ A K 2

♠ 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			

7NT by South

Baker Squeeze 14

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

So take the ♠K and play ♣A K Q.

West discards a ♠ on the third ♣.

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

Play the ♠A. East discards a ♥.

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

Play 4 rounds of ♦s.

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

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

You discard the ♠7.

Now West 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.

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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

6 ♥ by South

toss dummy's ♣ 9.

Baker Squeeze 15

South is to play 6 ♥. West 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 West holds 3 ♣s, (and you see that he does), can you squeeze him in ♣s and ♠s?

The big problem with trying to squeeze West in the black suits right now is that East 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 West can guard dummy's ♠ T, and only West can guard dummy's ♣ 9.

So you play your ♥ A and West must give up one of his guards. If he holds on to the ♠ J then you toss dummy's useless ♠ T. If he throws the ♠ J then you

Board 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 9 3 2
♥ T 4 2
♦ J 9
♣ J 6 4

♠ Q T
♥ K Q 5 3
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 8 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 6 5
♥ J 9 8 6
♦ Q T 4
♣ Q T 9

♠ J 7 4
♥ A 7
♦ K 7 5 2
♣ A K 7 3

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3 NT by North

West will almost surely cash his ♠2.

You and dummy both discard a ♣ and East also must discard a ♣.

It doesn't matter what West plays next, let's say it is a ♣.

East is truly squeezed. If he discards a ♥, dummy's ♥5 will become a winner. but if he discards a ♦ then you will get a third ♦ trick and the contract.

Since it was West who started the squeeze by cashing his last ♠, this is called a Suicide Squeeze. BUT, what if West had not cashed that ♠?

Suppose West is a really expert defender and avoids the Suicide Squeeze by just refusing to cash his winning ♠. It doesn't matter what else he plays instead, so let us assume it is a ♣.

You win in your hand and establish a ♦ winner by playing ♦A, ♦K, and a small ♦. East wins but cannot reach his partner's hand for that good ♠.

So you establish a ♦ winner and make your contract.

Baker Squeeze 16

South is to play 3NT. West leads the ♠3. East plays the ♠5.

You have 8 winners, and if East holds 4+ ♥s AND 3+ ♦s then only he can guard the two suits.

But how can you squeeze him?

But maybe you can make his partner do the job for you.

At trick 2 you play a ♠.

And he will no doubt continue with the ♠A and ♠9.

You discard 2 ♦s from dummy and a ♣ from your hand.

East cannot spare either a ♥ or a ♦ so he also throws a ♣.

Board 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 6 3

♥ Q 9 8 5

♦ 9

♣ T 6 2

♠ J 8

♥ K 7 4

♦ A J 8 7 6 2

♣ 5 3



♠ T 7 5 4 2

♥ J T 2

♦ Q T 4 3

♣ 4

♠ A

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 5

♣ A K Q J 9 8 7

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♣
All Pass			

7♣ by South

Baker Squeeze 17
 South is to play 7♣. West leads the ♠K.

So you take the ♠A, pull three rounds of trumps and play ♦K.

But when you lead to the ♦A West discards a small ♠.

Think squeeze instead. Ruff a ♦. This turns the ♦J into a Threat card against East's ♦Q.

But, the ♠J is already a Threat card against West's ♠Q.

West can afford to discard the ♠9 and the ♥5.

East can spare his two ♠s.

West cannot throw the ♠Q, so he gives up the ♥8. Dummy's ♠J is of no further value so you dump it.

East cannot throw the ♦Q, so he gives up the ♥2.

And you take the last three tricks with the ♥ suit. There were only two defenders; one of them had to guard ♠s and the other had to guard ♦s. There was nobody left to guard ♥s.

Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 8 6 5 3 2	♠ Q 4	♠ T 9 7
♥ 8 6 2	♥ J 9 7 3	♥ 4
♦ T	♦ K 7 5	♦ Q J 9 4 2
♣ 7	♣ 8 6 5 2	♣ J T 9 3
	♠ -	
	♥ A K Q T 5	
	♦ A 8 6 3	
	♣ A K Q 4	

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

6 ♥ by North

opposite one.

Yet another slam, courtesy of the Squeeze Play!

Baker Squeeze 18

South is to play 6 ♥. West leads the ♠ A.

So you ruff the ♠, pull trumps in three rounds, then play ♣ A K and get the bad news when West discards a ♠.

And since West had 3 ♥s and a very long ♠ suit it is pretty likely that East guards the ♦s also. You will try to squeeze East in ♣s and ♦s, but first you must lose a trick to rectify the count.

So you play a low ♦ from each hand.

He will then play the ♠ K, which you must ruff in your hand.

Play dummy's ♥ J.

East gets to choose his own fate - discarding a protector in one of the two suits. Of course, whichever suit he discards you will throw the