

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 7 4

♥ 6 3

♦ A K 9 6

♣ 9 5 3

♠ J 5

♥ A Q 9 8 7 5

♦ 5 2

♣ Q T 4



♠ T 9 6 3 2

♥ K 2

♦ Q J 8

♣ 8 7 6

♠ A Q

♥ J T 4

♦ T 7 4 3

♣ A K J 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

4♥ by North

before South can pull trumps and discard one of dummy's ♠s on his fourth ♣.

Baker Signals 13

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. West led the ♦A, dummy played the ♦2 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

As soon as dummy appears you can see 3 tricks for your side. Partner surely has the ♦K to go with his Ace and you have a certain trump trick. However, that's all you can see.

Your best hope is that West may be able to win a ♠ trick, and it may be important for the first ♠ lead to come from your side of the table.

Your ♦Q play informs partner that you also have the ♦J, giving him the option of underleading his ♦K to get to your hand.

West next plays a small ♦ which you win with your ♦J. You return the ♠T. This establishes West's ♠K

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 6 5 2

♥ A Q T 6

♦ 9 5 4 2

♣ -

♠ 7

♥ 5 3 2

♦ 7 3

♣ A K J 9 6 4 2



♠ T 8 4

♥ J 7 4

♦ K Q 8 6

♣ Q 7 3

♠ A K Q 3

♥ K 9 8

♦ A J T

♣ T 8 5

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3 NT by North

♥J. Hopefully.

Baker Signals 14

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠5, East plays the ♠T and South wins the ♠K. To the second trick South plays the ♣T and you must discard something.

When you have made your choice

You know that East has no high ♠ honor or he would have played it to the first trick. So South has the ♠A Q left, plus all those ♣ tricks. You need to have West switch to a ♥ if possible.

East must be expecting to lead a ♠ back when he wins the ♣Q which you hope he holds. Your ♠J discard may make him rethink. If your ♠s were any good why would you be discarding a winner when all you had to do was toss a small red card?

Hopefully East will come to the conclusion that this is Suit Preference for a ♥ return and will play his

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q 7 3

♥ 4

♦ T 6 5 3

♣ T 7 2

♠ 9 6 2

♥ K T 6 3

♦ Q 9 4

♣ Q J 4



♠ T 4

♥ 9

♦ J 8 7 2

♣ A 9 8 6 5 3

♠ J 8 5

♥ A Q J 8 7 5 2

♦ A K

♣ K

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

4♥ by South

Baker Signals 15

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♠A, dummy played the ♠2 and you signal with your ♠T. West next plays the ♠Q and you drop the ♠4, completing your doubleton signal. West then plays the ♠K and it turns out you don't have to ruff after all. So what are you going to play?

When you have made your choice

This should be a clear enough signal for West to play a ♣ to your ♣A next.

An alternate play, just as good, would be for you to ruff the good ♠Q and play the ♣A yourself.

If you don't get your ♣ trick at trick 4 you will never get it. South will discard his ♣K on North's extra ♦ winner.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T
♥ 9 6 4 3
♦ 9 7 5
♣ K Q T 6 3

♠ Q J 9 8 6 3

♥ Q 7 2

♦ Q 8 4

♣ J

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♠ 2
♥ A K J
♦ J T 6 3 2
♣ A 9 7 2

♠ A K 7 5 4
♥ T 8 5
♦ A K
♣ 8 5 4

West	North	East	South
			1♠

Pass	4♠	All Pass	
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4 ♠ by North

West dutifully plays a ♥ and you take the next three tricks. Had he switched to a ♦ instead, South would have been able to discard one of his ♥ losers on North's ♦ Q.

Baker Signals 16

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♣ K, dummy's singleton was played and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

West will look at your ♣ 9 and perhaps think for an instant that you want him to play another ♣.

But it will be a short instant because a look at dummy makes it absolutely clear to everybody that playing another ♣ could not help your side. Dummy has so many trumps that repeated ♣ leads would do nothing.

OK. If it's not an encouraging Attitude signal, what is it? Suit preference of course. Since it is a high spot card you are asking West to switch to the higher suit (choosing between ♦ s and ♥ s).

Board 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ 9 7 3
♦ A 8 7
♣ A K 9 8 6 4

♠ A T 6
♥ A K Q 4
♦ Q T 3
♣ Q J 2

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	S	

♠ 8 3
♥ J T 6 2
♦ K J 9 5 4 2
♣ 3

♠ K Q J 9 7 4 2
♥ 8 5
♦ 6
♣ T 7 5

West	North	East	South
			3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

Baker Signals 17

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♣ A. Seeing your ♣ 3 he next played the ♦ A. What will you play on this trick?

When you have made your choice

Normally with this holding you would play the ♦ 9 to encourage West to play a second ♦ through dummy's ♦ Q T.

But this time you really want him to take his ♣ K. So play the discouraging ♦ 2 and hope he gets the message to go back to ♣ s. If he does play the ♣ K next it will win and he can then give you a ♣ ruff.

Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 5

♥ K Q 8 5 3

♦ 9 6 2

♣ J 4

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 9 6 4

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ K 7 3


 ♠ J T 7 3
 ♥ J 7 2
 ♦ T 7 5
 ♣ A 9 5

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Signals 18

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥5, you put on the ♥J, South won with the ♥A. The second trick was ♦A, ♦2, ♦3, ♦5. The third trick was ♦J, ♦6, ♦8, ♦7. South then put the ♣Q on the table.

When you have made your choice

Does it look to you like South is trying to create an entry to dummy so he can cash the 2 ♦ winners? That's what he wants it to look like, hoping someone holds up their ♣A.

But don't believe Declarer, believe your partner. On the first ♦ West played the ♦2. On the second ♦ he played the ♦6. He has an odd number of ♦s, obviously 3. And South must also have a third one, so he is up to some trickery with that ♣Q.

So grab your ♣A and return partner's ♥ suit.