

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

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♠ 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

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

7NT by South

guard against your ♠7. So he discards the ♣6, hoping partner can stop that suit.

Your ♠7 is now worthless so you throw it.

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

Play dummy's ♠5 to your ♠K.

East 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

North is to play 7NT. East leads the ♥K.

Then, your second thought should be that dummy's ♥J is a Threat against East's ♥Q, so if it is East 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, West discarding a ♥ and a ♣.

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

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

You start playing dummy's ♦ winners.

When you play the ♦5 West 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

North Deals

E-W 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

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 ♣.