

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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

4♥ by South

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

**Baker Signals 13**

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. East 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 East 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.

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

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♠ 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

Pass

3NT

All Pass

1NT

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**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

4 ♥ by North

**Baker Signals 15**

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♠A, dummy played the ♠2 and you signal with your ♠T. East next plays the ♠Q and you drop the ♠4, completing your doubleton signal. East 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 East 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. North will discard his ♣K on South'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



♠ 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

**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).

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.