

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8 4 3  
 ♥ J 5 2  
 ♦ T 4  
 ♣ K T 8 6

♠ A J 2

♥ K Q 4

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ Q 7 2

	N	
W		E
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♠ 9 7 6

♥ T 9 8 7

♦ J 9 6 3

♣ 9 5

♠ K Q 5

♥ A 6 3

♦ A 8 2

♣ A J 4 3

West

North

East

South

1NT

Pass

6NT

All Pass

6NT by South

**Baker SecondHand 13**

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♥T, won by dummy's ♥A. At trick 2 North calls for dummy's ♣3. Which card do you play?

When you have made your choice

You would not have been expecting North to play a small ♣ from dummy's holding. The only way it makes sense is if North holds the ♣Q.

If you play your ♣K you will win the trick, but in so doing you will set up 3 ♣ tricks for North, which is all he needs to make the slam.

Play low instead and North will win his ♣Q. But now your ♣K T sits behind dummy's ♣J 4 so he can get only one more trick in the suit, the ♣A.

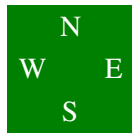
**Board 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 6  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ T 8 6 4 3  
 ♣ A 8 4 3

♠ K 7 2  
 ♥ K J T 9 3  
 ♦ 7 2  
 ♣ K J T



♠ 8 4 3  
 ♥ 7 4  
 ♦ Q J 9 5  
 ♣ Q 9 7 5

♠ A Q 5  
 ♥ A Q 8 6 5 2  
 ♦ A K  
 ♣ 6 2

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

6 ♥ by South

**Baker SecondHand 14**

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♠ J, the ♠ K is played from dummy and holds the trick. Next come dummy's ♥ K, then another trump to South's ♥ A.

At trick 4 South plays the ♣ 2 from his hand and you must decide what to play.

When you have made your choice

South has 2 small ♣ s and faces a choice of dummy plays in the suit. He must decide whether to play you for the ♣ A or the ♣ Q. If you play your ♣ A you make the decision very easy for him.

When you correctly play your small ♣ life becomes harder for South. Sometimes he will guess correctly and play dummy's ♣ K, but other times he will play dummy's ♣ J, hoping you have the ♣ Q.

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 9 3  
♥ Q 9 8  
♦ A 7 3  
♣ T 8 5 4

♠ K Q J

♥ A K 7 3

♦ Q T 9 4

♣ 7 3

	N	
W		E
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♠ T 8 7 6 2

♥ T 5 4

♦ K 6

♣ J 9 6

♠ 5 4

♥ J 6 2

♦ J 8 5 2

♣ A K Q 2

West

North

East

South

1NT

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3NT by South

East's ♦ K will be an entry to the ♠s

If you play low, East will have to take the ♦ K now, and although he can play a ♠ to establish the suit, he will not have an entry to be able to cash them.

**Baker SecondHand 15**

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♠6. You won the ♠A and returned the ♠9, won by North's ♠Q.

North next played to dummy's ♣A and led the ♦2. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

Count the points. North's 15-17 plus South's 11 plus your T comes to 36-38. So East has room for an Ace or a King, but no more.

East's second ♠ play was the 2, so it looks like he started with 5 ♠s. And the fall of North's ♠s looks like he may have 1 ♠ left, very likely the ♠K.

All this means that you should take your ♦ A now and return your last ♠ to establish East's suit. Now

**Board 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ K Q 8 6

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ A Q 5

♣ 8 4



♠ 5 2

♥ Q J T

♦ J 9 8 2

♣ 9 6 3 2

♠ A J T 7 3

♥ 9 8 6 4

♦ K 7

♣ A K

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
All Pass			

6 ♠ by South

another ♥ is played you will have to win it with your now bare ♥ A. You will then have to play a ♦ or a ♣, giving South a ruff and sluff.

But if you take your ♥ A now, then exit with your ♥ 2, South can win the ♥ K but will still have to lose a ♥ to East.

**Baker SecondHand 16**

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♣ Q, East plays low and South wins the ♣ A.

South pulls trumps in 2 rounds. He then takes the ♦ K, ♦ Q, ♦ A, discarding a ♥ on the last one. Next he plays dummy's last ♣ to his ♣ K.

Having done all this, South now plays a low ♥ from his hand. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

If you followed what South was doing you will realize that he has eliminated both the ♦ s and ♣ s from both his hand and dummy. If it isn't clear that he is now out of ♣ s, just remember the bidding - he must have had 5 ♠ s and 4 ♥ s.

Suppose you play low on this ♥ (as South hopes you will). Dummy's ♥ K will take the trick, and when