

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 6 3

♥ T 6

♦ A K 8 4

♣ 8 7 2

♠ K Q 7 5 2

♥ Q 4

♦ 9 6 3

♣ K 9 6

	N	E
	W	S

♠ T 9 4

♥ 9 5 3

♦ Q 7 2

♣ A Q J 4

♠ A
 ♥ A K J 8 7 2
 ♦ J T 5
 ♣ T 5 3

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

2♥ by South

Baker Signals 11

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♦ A, dummy played the ♦ 3 and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You know partner also has the ♦ K, and normally you would give an encouraging signal when you hold the Queen. But with this hand you want partner to switch to ♣s as soon as possible. So you play a low ♦.

West looks at your signal, then looks at dummy, then looks at your signal. He knows you want a switch and it looks like a switch to ♣s might work the best. South plays a low ♣ from dummy, you win the ♣ J. Next you play a low ♦, taken by West with his ♦ K. West leads a ♣. Dummy plays the ♣ K, you win that, cash another ♣, then cash your ♦ Q. That first signal led to your side winning the first 6 tricks. Wow.

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 4
♥ A K 7 2
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 9 5

♠ A T 3

♥ T 6

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K Q J 3 2



♠ K Q J 7 5 2
♥ 9 5
♦ K 5
♣ A T 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♠	Pass	1♠
All Pass			4♠

4 ♠ by South

Baker Signals 12

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥A, East puts on the ♥Q. It's your play.

When you have made your choice

East's ♥Q is either a singleton, (practically impossible), or a signal showing that he also holds the ♥J. In either case you can reach the East hand on the second trick by playing a low ♥. Since you don't particularly want to start playing ♦s from your side, you go ahead and play a small ♥, won by East with the ♥J.

East next plays the ♦Q and however South tries it your side will take the next two ♦ tricks and set the contract.

Board 3

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

N
W
E
S

♠ 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 4

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 5

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.