

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 5 4 3

♥ Q T 3

♦ A 4

♣ J T 3

♠ A T 2

♥ A J 7

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ K 6 5



♠ K Q 9

♥ K 6 4

♦ K Q T 3

♣ 7 4 2

♠ J 6

♥ 9 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A Q 9 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	1 ♦
All Pass			3NT

3 NT by South

**Baker O'Leary 13**

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 3NT and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

Your ♣s are so good that all your instincts tell you to lead the ♣8, and perhaps set up 3 winners.

If you had one more small ♣s your instincts would be right, but with only a 4-card suit you should think a little longer. Three tricks won't set this contract, so you must depend on partner winning something. And if partner is going to win something perhaps he will lead a ♣ and you might make FOUR tricks in the suit.

So lead the ♥9. You lead a high card so partner won't be tempted to return the suit when he gets the lead. Note that although this lead finesses partner's ♥Q, it didn't do anything that declarer wouldn't have done on his own.

Declarer must play ♦s to get some winners, and when West takes the ♦A he will surely switch to the ♣J. Down goes declarer.

**Board 2**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K T 8  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ A 7 5 3 2  
 ♣ 8 5 3 2

♠ 5  
 ♥ K Q 9 6 3  
 ♦ K 6  
 ♣ K Q T 9 6

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♠ Q J 9 7 6 2  
 ♥ A 8 5 4  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ 7 4

♠ A 4 3  
 ♥ J T 2  
 ♦ Q J T 9 8  
 ♣ A J

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	2 ♠	3 ♦
3 ♠	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	4 ♠	Dbl
All Pass			

4 ♠ X by East

his ♥ losers and actually made the contract.

Baker OLead 14

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 4 ♠  
 doubled and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

East's 2 ♠ bid is a Weak-jump Overcall, based on a  
 6-card ♠ suit and a weak hand.

Either the ♦ Q or ♥ J would normally be good leads.

But on this deal West/East have clearly sacrificed  
 against your almost certain ♥ game. Since they don't  
 have enough high-card strength to make this contract  
 declarer is hoping to get some ruffs.

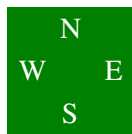
The way to cut down the number of ruffs he can  
 make is to lead a trump at every opportunity.

So take the ♠ A and then play another ♠. Declarer  
 will still be able to ruff one ♥ in dummy, but will be  
 left with two losing ♥s and will be down 2. Without  
 the two trump plays he could have ruffed all three of

**Board 3**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ K 8 7 3  
 ♥ Q T 7 3  
 ♦ 7 5  
 ♣ 6 3 2

♠ T 6 4  
 ♥ 6 4 2  
 ♦ K 9 4 2  
 ♣ A K J



♠ Q 9 2  
 ♥ K 8 5  
 ♦ A 8 6  
 ♣ T 9 7 5

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	All Pass	1NT

3 NT by North

Baker OLead 15  
 The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 3NT  
 and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

Sometimes it comes down to just this kind of choice.  
 Do you lead fourth down from ♠ K 8 7 3 or from  
 ♥ Q T 7 3.

The presence of the ♥T bolsters the ♥ suit enough  
 to give it the edge.

The suits could be arranged something like shown at  
 left. With a ♠ lead the presence of the ♠T in dummy  
 allows declarer to make a second ♠ trick, which  
 happens to be declarer's ninth trick.

But when you lead the ♥3 it does not promote a ♥  
 winner for declarer, and left to his own devices, he  
 cannot establish the ♠ winner.

**Board 4**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J T

♦ 6

♣ A 5 2

♠ 6 3

♥ K 6 3

♦ A 7 4

♣ T 9 8 7 4

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	S	

♠ A T

♥ 9 4

♦ K Q J 9 8 3

♣ K Q J

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ T 5 2

♣ 6 3

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♠	All Pass		

6 ♠ by West

Baker O'Leary 16

The bidding has been as shown. The contract is 6 ♠ and it is your lead.

When you have made your choice

The ♣T would probably be a very safe lead. But you don't want "safe", you want "attack".

Dummy has advertised a long, strong ♦ suit which declarer will no doubt establish for discards.

It is important for your side to create a winner before your ♦A is forced out. The most likely looking winner is your ♥K. So lead the small ♥ and hope partner has the Queen.

**Board 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 7 5 4 3

♥ Q T 3

♦ A 4

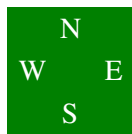
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♠ A T 2

♥ A J 7

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ K 6 5



♠ J 6

♥ 9 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A Q 9 8

♠ K Q 9

♥ K 6 4

♦ K Q T 3

♣ 7 4 2

**Board 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K T 8  
♥ 7  
♦ A 7 5 3 2  
♣ 8 5 3 2

♠ 5  
♥ K Q 9 6 3  
♦ K 6  
♣ K Q T 9 6

N

W      E

S

♠ Q J 9 7 6 2  
♥ A 8 5 4  
♦ 4  
♣ 7 4

♠ A 4 3  
♥ J T 2  
♦ Q J T 9 8  
♣ A J

**Board 7**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 8 7 3

♥ Q T 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 6 3 2

♠ T 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ K 9 4 2

♣ A K J



♠ Q 9 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A 8 6

♣ T 9 7 5

♠ A J 5

♥ A J 9

♦ Q J T 3

♣ Q 8 4

**Board 8**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J T

♦ 6

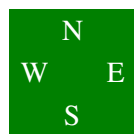
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♠ 6 3

♥ K 6 3

♦ A 7 4

♣ T 9 8 7 4



♠ A T

♥ 9 4

♦ K Q J 9 8 3

♣ K Q J

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ T 5 2

♣ 6 3

**Board 9**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 7 5 4 3

♥ Q T 3

♦ A 4

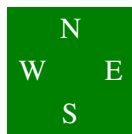
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♦ J 8 6 2

♣ K 6 5



♠ J 6

♥ 9 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A Q 9 8

♠ K Q 9

♥ K 6 4

♦ K Q T 3

♣ 7 4 2

**Board 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K T 8  
♥ 7  
♦ A 7 5 3 2  
♣ 8 5 3 2

♠ 5  
♥ K Q 9 6 3  
♦ K 6  
♣ K Q T 9 6

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q J 9 7 6 2  
♥ A 8 5 4  
♦ 4  
♣ 7 4

♠ A 4 3  
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♣ A J

**Board 11**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 7 3

♥ Q T 7 3

♦ 7 5

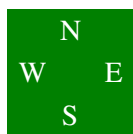
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♠ T 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ K 9 4 2

♣ A K J



♠ Q 9 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A 8 6

♣ T 9 7 5

♠ A J 5

♥ A J 9

♦ Q J T 3

♣ Q 8 4

**Board 12**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J T

♦ 6

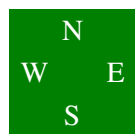
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♠ A T

♥ 9 4

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♣ K Q J

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ T 5 2

♣ 6 3

**Board 13**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 7 5 4 3

♥ Q T 3

♦ A 4

♣ J T 3

♠ A T 2

♥ A J 7

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ K 6 5



♠ K Q 9

♥ K 6 4

♦ K Q T 3

♣ 7 4 2

♠ J 6

♥ 9 8 5 2

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♣ A Q 9 8

**Board 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K T 8

♥ 7

♦ A 7 5 3 2

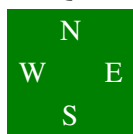
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♦ K 6

♣ K Q T 9 6



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♦ 4

♣ 7 4

♠ A 4 3

♥ J T 2

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♣ A J

**Board 15**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 8 7 3

♥ Q T 7 3

♦ 7 5

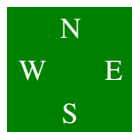
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♠ T 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ K 9 4 2

♣ A K J



♠ Q 9 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A 8 6

♣ T 9 7 5

♠ A J 5

♥ A J 9

♦ Q J T 3

♣ Q 8 4

**Board 16**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J T

♦ 6

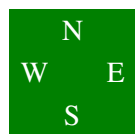
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♥ K 6 3

♦ A 7 4

♣ T 9 8 7 4



♠ A T

♥ 9 4

♦ K Q J 9 8 3

♣ K Q J

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ T 5 2

♣ 6 3

**Board 17**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 5 4 3

♥ Q T 3

♦ A 4

♣ J T 3

♠ A T 2

♥ A J 7

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ K 6 5



♠ J 6

♥ 9 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A Q 9 8

♠ K Q 9

♥ K 6 4

♦ K Q T 3

♣ 7 4 2

### Board 18

## East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K T 8

♥ 7

♦ A 7 5 3 2

♣ 8 5 3 2

♠ 5

♥ K Q 9 6 3

◆ K 6

♣ K Q T 9 6

♠ Q J 9 7 6 2

♥ A 8 5 4

◆ 4

♣ 74

♠ A 4 3

♥ JT 2

♦ QJT98

♣ A J

**Board 19**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 8 7 3

♥ Q T 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 6 3 2

♠ T 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ K 9 4 2

♣ A K J



♠ Q 9 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A 8 6

♣ T 9 7 5

♠ A J 5

♥ A J 9

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♣ Q 8 4

**Board 20**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J T

♦ 6

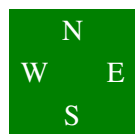
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♥ K 6 3

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♣ T 9 8 7 4



♠ A T

♥ 9 4

♦ K Q J 9 8 3

♣ K Q J

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ T 5 2

♣ 6 3

**Board 21**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 7 5 4 3

♥ Q T 3

♦ A 4

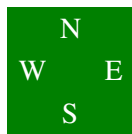
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♥ A J 7

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ K 6 5



♠ K Q 9

♥ K 6 4

♦ K Q T 3

♣ 7 4 2

♠ J 6

♥ 9 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A Q 9 8

**Board 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K T 8

♥ 7

♦ A 7 5 3 2

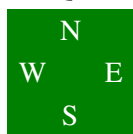
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♠ 5

♥ K Q 9 6 3

♦ K 6

♣ K Q T 9 6



♠ Q J 9 7 6 2

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♦ 4

♣ 7 4

♠ A 4 3

♥ J T 2

♦ Q J T 9 8

♣ A J

**Board 23**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 8 7 3

♥ Q T 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 6 3 2

♠ T 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ K 9 4 2

♣ A K J



♠ Q 9 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A 8 6

♣ T 9 7 5

♠ A J 5

♥ A J 9

♦ Q J T 3

♣ Q 8 4

**Board 24**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J T

♦ 6

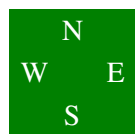
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♥ K 6 3

♦ A 7 4

♣ T 9 8 7 4



♠ A T

♥ 9 4

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♣ K Q J

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ T 5 2

♣ 6 3

**Board 25**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 7 5 4 3

♥ Q T 3

♦ A 4

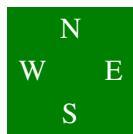
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♦ J 8 6 2

♣ K 6 5



♠ J 6

♥ 9 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A Q 9 8

♠ K Q 9

♥ K 6 4

♦ K Q T 3

♣ 7 4 2

**Board 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K T 8

♥ 7

♦ A 7 5 3 2

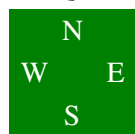
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♠ 5

♥ K Q 9 6 3

♦ K 6

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♦ 4

♣ 7 4

♠ A 4 3

♥ J T 2

♦ Q J T 9 8

♣ A J

**Board 27**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 7 3

♥ Q T 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 6 3 2

♠ T 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ K 9 4 2

♣ A K J



♠ Q 9 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A 8 6

♣ T 9 7 5

♠ A J 5

♥ A J 9

♦ Q J T 3

♣ Q 8 4

**Board 28**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J T

♦ 6

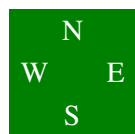
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♣ T 9 8 7 4



♠ A T

♥ 9 4

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♣ K Q J

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ T 5 2

♣ 6 3

**Board 29**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 7 5 4 3

♥ Q T 3

♦ A 4

♣ J T 3

♠ A T 2

♥ A J 7

♦ J 8 6 2

♣ K 6 5



♠ J 6

♥ 9 8 5 2

♦ 9 7 5

♣ A Q 9 8

♠ K Q 9

♥ K 6 4

♦ K Q T 3

♣ 7 4 2

**Board 30**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K T 8  
♥ 7  
♦ A 7 5 3 2  
♣ 8 5 3 2

♠ 5  
♥ K Q 9 6 3  
♦ K 6  
♣ K Q T 9 6

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q J 9 7 6 2  
♥ A 8 5 4  
♦ 4  
♣ 7 4

♠ A 4 3  
♥ J T 2  
♦ Q J T 9 8  
♣ A J

**Board 31**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 8 7 3

♥ Q T 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 6 3 2

♠ T 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ K 9 4 2

♣ A K J



♠ Q 9 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A 8 6

♣ T 9 7 5

♠ A J 5

♥ A J 9

♦ Q J T 3

♣ Q 8 4

**Board 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J T

♦ 6

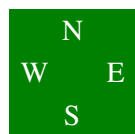
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♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ T 5 2

♣ 6 3

**Board 33**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 5 4 3

♥ Q T 3

♦ A 4

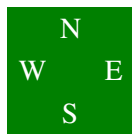
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♣ K 6 5



♠ J 6

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♦ 9 7 5

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♠ K Q 9

♥ K 6 4

♦ K Q T 3

♣ 7 4 2

**Board 34**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K T 8  
♥ 7  
♦ A 7 5 3 2  
♣ 8 5 3 2

♠ 5  
♥ K Q 9 6 3  
♦ K 6  
♣ K Q T 9 6

N  
W E  
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♠ Q J 9 7 6 2  
♥ A 8 5 4  
♦ 4  
♣ 7 4

♠ A 4 3  
♥ J T 2  
♦ Q J T 9 8  
♣ A J

**Board 35**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 8 7 3

♥ Q T 7 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 6 3 2

♠ T 6 4

♥ 6 4 2

♦ K 9 4 2

♣ A K J



♠ Q 9 2

♥ K 8 5

♦ A 8 6

♣ T 9 7 5

♠ A J 5

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♣ Q 8 4

**Board 36**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5 4

♥ A J T

♦ 6

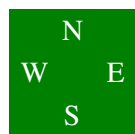
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♠ 6 3

♥ K 6 3

♦ A 7 4

♣ T 9 8 7 4



♠ A T

♥ 9 4

♦ K Q J 9 8 3

♣ K Q J

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 8 7 5 2

♦ T 5 2

♣ 6 3