

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 3 2

♥ -

♦ T 9 8 4 3

♣ A K J 9

♠ A Q T 5

♥ K Q 9 4

♦ K J

♣ 8 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 4

♥ A 8 7 5 2

♦ 7 5 2

♣ 6 4 2

♠ K J 6

♥ J T 6 3

♦ A Q 6

♣ Q T 5

West

North

East

South

1NT

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3NT by South

plays his ♣2 and you win 4 tricks.

Baker Signals 9

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♥5, dummy played the ♥T and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

You really want East to lead a ♣ if he gets into the lead. If you discard the ♣9 East will surely get the message and will lead a ♣. BUT - you will only win 3 ♣ tricks. The ♣9 would have been the fourth winner.

So instead, play a low card in one of the other suits, say the ♦3.

North is one trick short and he sees he can easily get that trick in ♥s. So he plays a second ♥ from dummy and you now discard the ♠2. East takes the ♥A and he can see that you don't want him to lead a ♠ or a ♦. He deduces that you might like a ♣ so he

Board 2
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ 6 5 3
 ♥ 4
 ♦ J 8 6 4 2
 ♣ J 9 4 3

♠ K J 7
 ♥ Q J 2
 ♦ Q T 3
 ♣ K T 7 5



♠ 8
 ♥ A T 9 7 6 3
 ♦ 9 7 5
 ♣ A 6 2

♠ A Q T 9 4 2
 ♥ K 8 5
 ♦ A K
 ♣ Q 8

West	North	East	South
		2 ♥	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Signals 10

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥4, East takes the ♥A and returns the ♥3. You ruff and then play what???

When you have made your choice

Partner played the ♥3, a low card, for you to ruff. That means his re-entry, if he has one, is in the lower-ranking suit.

Partner takes the ♣A and gives you a second ♥ ruff.

Board 3

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

2 ♥ by North

Baker Signals 11

You are West. 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 ♦.

East 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.

North plays a low ♣ from dummy, you win the ♣J.

Next you play a low ♦, taken by East with his ♦K.

East 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 4

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8

♥ Q J 8 4 3

♦ Q J T 4

♣ 8 7 6

♠ K Q J 7 5 2

♥ 9 5

♦ K 5

♣ A T 4

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

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.