

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

N
W
E
S

♠ 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

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

plays his ♣2 and you win 4 tricks.

Baker Signals 9

You are East. 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 West to lead a ♣ if he gets into the lead. If you discard the ♣9 West 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.

South 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. West 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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	
W		E
	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 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		♠ 8	
W		♥ Q J 8 4 3		
	E		♦ Q J T 4	
	S		♣ 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.