

**Board 1**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 6 4

♥ 9 8 3 2

♦ -

♣ Q T 6 3

♠ K Q 7 3

♥ A 4

♦ Q 9 6 2

♣ A 8 4

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W		E
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♠ 8

♥ K Q T 7 5

♦ T 8 4

♣ J 9 5 2

♠ A 5 2

♥ J 6

♦ A K J 7 5 3

♣ K 7

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

7NT by South

When you play the ♦5 West must keep both ♠s to guard against your ♠7. So he discards the ♣6, hoping partner can stop that suit.

Your ♠7 is now worthless so you throw it.

East has no problem, (yet), he discards the ♥T.

Play dummy's ♠5 to your ♠K.

East MUST keep his ♥Q so he releases his ♣5.

And you win the last three tricks with ♣K, ♣A, ♣8.

This is called a Double Squeeze.

**Baker Squeeze 13**

North is to play 7NT. East leads the ♥K.

Then, your second thought should be that dummy's ♥J is a Threat against East's ♥Q, so if it is East who holds 4 ♠s you will be able to squeeze him.

Since the contract is 7NT you take the first trick with the ♥A.

You continue with the ♦Q and ♦K, West discarding a ♥ and a ♣.

To find out for sure you play ♠A, then ♠Q. Sure enough East discards a ♥ on the second round.

But now a completely new possibility shows up. Say to yourself, over and over, "East must guard ♥s, and West must guard ♠s. Nobody can guard ♣s."

You start playing dummy's ♦ winners.

When you play the ♦5 West must keep both ♠s to guard against your ♠7. So he discards the ♣6, hoping partner can stop that suit.

**Board 2**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 5 2

♥ 6

♦ A J 9 7 4

♣ Q 8 4 3

♠ 6

♥ Q 9 8 4 3

♦ 8 5 2

♣ J 9 7 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J T 8 3

♥ J T 7 2

♦ 6 3

♣ T 6

West

North

East

South

3♦

2♣

5♦

Pass

4NT

Pass

Pass

7NT

All Pass

7 NT by East

You discard the ♠ 7.

Now South is squeezed. He cannot discard the ♠ J or he will set up dummy's ♠ 9, so he discards a ♥.

You win the last three ♥ tricks with another Double Squeeze.

Baker Squeeze 14  
East is to play 7NT. South leads the ♠ Q.

So take the ♠ K and play ♣ A K Q.

South discards a ♠ on the third ♣.

Before tackling ♦ s, see what you can discover about ♠ s.

Play the ♠ A. North discards a ♥.

South guards the ♠ s. Nobody can guard the ♥ s.

Play 4 rounds of ♦ s.

You discarded a small ♠. South discarded a ♠ on the third ♦ and a ♥ on the fourth.

Play dummy's ♦ 4. North cannot throw the ♣ J or he will set up dummy's ♣ 8, so he discards a ♥.

**Board 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J 9 4

♥ 6 4

♦ T 7 2

♣ Q T 2

♠ T 8 7 3

♥ Q T

♦ K Q 6

♣ A 9 7 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 6 2

♥ 7 5 2

♦ J 9 8 4 3

♣ J 4

♠ 5

♥ A K J 9 8 3

♦ A 5

♣ K 8 6 3

West	North	East	South
			1♥
1♠	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

6♥ by South

toss dummy's ♣9.

Baker Squeeze 15  
South is to play 6♥. West leads the ♠A, then ♠K.

Even looking at all four hands here it is still very difficult to come up with a plan.

Here's a hint: If West holds 3 ♣s, (and you see that he does), can you squeeze him in ♣s and ♠s?

The big problem with trying to squeeze West in the black suits right now is that East actually holds a ♠ guard. But you can fix that.

Play dummy's ♥Q and ♥T, then ruff a ♠, then pull the last trump.

Then lead dummy's ♣7 to your ♣K.

Only West can guard dummy's ♠T, and only West can guard dummy's ♣9.

So you play your ♥A and West must give up one of his guards. If he holds on to the ♠J then you toss dummy's useless ♠T. If he throws the ♠J then you

**Board 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 7 4

♥ A 7

♦ K 7 5 2

♣ A K 7 3

♠ A K 9 3 2

♥ T 4 2

♦ J 9

♣ J 6 4



♠ Q T

♥ K Q 5 3

♦ A 8 6 3

♣ 8 5 2

♠ 8 6 5

♥ J 9 8 6

♦ Q T 4

♣ Q T 9

West      North      East      South

1NT

Pass

2♣

Pass

2♦

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3NT by East

North will almost surely cash his ♠2.

You and dummy both discard a ♣ and South also must discard a ♣.

It doesn't matter what North plays next, lets say it is a ♣.

South is truly squeezed. If he discards a ♥, dummy's ♥5 will become a winner. but if he discards a ♦ then you will get a third ♦ trick and the contract.

Since it was North who started the squeeze by cashing his last ♠, this is called a Suicide Squeeze. BUT, what if North had not cashed that ♠?

Suppose North is a really expert defender and avoids the Suicide Squeeze by just refusing to cash his winning ♠. It doesn't matter what else he plays instead, so let us assume it is a ♣.

You win in your hand and establish a ♦ winner by playing ♦A, ♦K, and a small ♦. South wins but cannot reach his partner's hand for that good ♠.

So you establish a ♦ winner and make your contract.

**Baker Squeeze 16**

West is to play 3NT. North leads the ♠3. South plays the ♠5.

You have 8 winners, and if South holds 4+ ♥s AND 3+ ♦s then only he can guard the two suits.

But how can you squeeze him?

But maybe you can make his partner do the job for you.

At trick 2 you play a ♠.

And he will no doubt continue with the ♠A and ♠9.

You discard 2 ♦s from dummy and a ♣ from your hand.

South cannot spare either a ♥ or a ♦ so he also throws a ♣.

**Board 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ A  
 ♥ A 6 3  
 ♦ K 5  
 ♣ A K Q J 9 8 7

	N		♠ K Q 9 6 3
W		E	♥ Q 9 8 5
	S		♦ 9
			♣ T 6 2

♠ J 8  
 ♥ K 7 4  
 ♦ A J 8 7 6 2  
 ♣ 5 3

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

7♣ by North

Baker Squeeze 17  
 North is to play 7♣. East leads the ♠K.

So you take the ♠A, pull three rounds of trumps and play ♦K.

But when you lead to the ♦A East discards a small ♠.

Think squeeze instead. Ruff a ♦. This turns the ♦J into a Threat card against West's ♦Q.

But, the ♠J is already a Threat card against East's ♠Q.

East can afford to discard the ♠9 and the ♥5.

West can spare his two ♠s.

East cannot throw the ♠Q, so he gives up the ♥8. Dummy's ♠J is of no further value so you dump it.

West cannot throw the ♦Q, so he gives up the ♥2.

And you take the last three tricks with the ♥ suit. There were only two defenders; one of them had to guard ♠s and the other had to guard ♦s. There was nobody left to guard ♥s.

**Board 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 4  
♥ J 9 7 3  
♦ K 7 5  
♣ 8 6 5 2

♠ T 9 7

♥ 4

♦ Q J 9 4 2

♣ J T 9 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ -

♥ A K Q T 5  
♦ A 8 6 3  
♣ A K Q 4

♠ A K J 8 6 5 3 2

♥ 8 6 2

♦ T

♣ 7

West	North	East	South
		2♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

6♥ by West

opposite one.

Yet another slam, courtesy of the Squeeze Play!

Baker Squeeze 18  
East is to play 6♥. South leads the ♠A.

So you ruff the ♠, pull trumps in three rounds, then play ♣ A K and get the bad news when South discards a ♠.

And since South had 3 ♥s and a very long ♠ suit it is pretty likely that North guards the ♦s also. You will try to squeeze North in ♣s and ♦s, but first you must lose a trick to rectify the count.

So you play a low ♦ from each hand.

He will then play the ♠K, which you must ruff in your hand.

Play dummy's ♥J.

North gets to choose his own fate - discarding a protector in one of the two suits. Of course, whichever suit he discards you will throw the