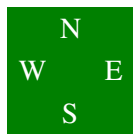


Board 1
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 9 7 6
 ♥ T 9 8 7
 ♦ J 9 6 3
 ♣ 9 5

♠ K Q 5
 ♥ A 6 3
 ♦ A 8 2
 ♣ A J 4 3



♠ T 8 4 3
 ♥ J 5 2
 ♦ T 4
 ♣ K T 8 6

♠ A J 2
 ♥ K Q 4
 ♦ K Q 7 5
 ♣ Q 7 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	6NT	All Pass	1NT

6NT by North

Baker SecondHand 13
 You are East. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♥T, won by dummy's ♥A. At trick 2 South calls for dummy's ♣3. Which card do you play?

When you have made your choice

You would not have been expecting South to play a small ♣ from dummy's holding. The only way it makes sense is if South holds the ♣Q.

If you play your ♣K you will win the trick, but in so doing you will set up 3 ♣ tricks for South, which is all he needs to make the slam.

Play low instead and South will win his ♣Q. But now your ♣ K T sits behind dummy's ♣ J 4 so he can get only one more trick in the suit, the ♣A.

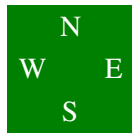
Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 6
 ♥ -
 ♦ T 8 6 4 3
 ♣ A 8 4 3

♠ K 7 2
 ♥ K J T 9 3
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ K J T



♠ 8 4 3
 ♥ 7 4
 ♦ Q J 9 5
 ♣ Q 9 7 5

♠ A Q 5
 ♥ A Q 8 6 5 2
 ♦ A K
 ♣ 6 2

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

6 ♥ by South

Baker SecondHand 14

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♠ J, the ♠ K is played from dummy and holds the trick. Next come dummy's ♥ K, then another trump to South's ♥ A.

At trick 4 South plays the ♣ 2 from his hand and you must decide what to play.

When you have made your choice

South has 2 small ♣ s and faces a choice of dummy plays in the suit. He must decide whether to play you for the ♣ A or the ♣ Q. If you play your ♣ A you make the decision very easy for him.

When you correctly play your small ♣ life becomes harder for South. Sometimes he will guess correctly and play dummy's ♣ K, but other times he will play dummy's ♣ J, hoping you have the ♣ Q.

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8 7 6 2

♥ T 5 4

♦ K 6

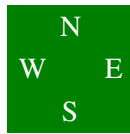
♣ J 9 6

♠ 5 4

♥ J 6 2

♦ J 8 5 2

♣ A K Q 2



♠ A 9 3

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A 7 3

♣ T 8 5 4

♠ K Q J

♥ A K 7 3

♦ Q T 9 4

♣ 7 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

3NT

All Pass

1NT

3 NT by North

West's ♦ K will be an entry to the ♠ s

If you play low, West will have to take the ♦ K now, and although he can play a ♠ to establish the suit, he will not have an entry to be able to cash them.

Baker SecondHand 15

You are East. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♠ 6. You won the ♠ A and returned the ♠ 9, won by South's ♠ Q.

South next played to dummy's ♣ A and led the ♦ 2. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

Count the points. South's 15-17 plus North's 11 plus your T comes to 36-38. So West has room for an Ace or a King, but no more.

West's second ♠ play was the 2, so it looks like he started with 5 ♠ s. And the fall of South's ♠ s looks like he may have 1 ♠ left, very likely the ♠ K.

All this means that you should take your ♦ A now and return your last ♠ to establish West's suit. Now

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4
♥ A 2
♦ T 6 4 3
♣ Q J T 7 5

♠ K Q 8 6

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ A Q 5

♣ 8 4



♠ 5 2

♥ Q J T

♦ J 9 8 2

♣ 9 6 3 2

♠ A J T 7 3

♥ 9 8 6 4

♦ K 7

♣ A K

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
All Pass			

6 ♠ by South

another ♥ is played you will have to win it with your now bare ♥ A. You will then have to play a ♦ or a ♣, giving South a ruff and sluff.

But if you take your ♥ A now, then exit with your ♥ 2, South can win the ♥ K but will still have to lose a ♥ to East.

Baker SecondHand 16

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♣ Q, East plays low and South wins the ♣ A.

South pulls trumps in 2 rounds. He then takes the ♦ K, ♦ Q, ♦ A, discarding a ♥ on the last one. Next he plays dummy's last ♣ to his ♣ K.

Having done all this, South now plays a low ♥ from his hand. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

If you followed what South was doing you will realize that he has eliminated both the ♦ s and ♣ s from both his hand and dummy. If it isn't clear that he is now out of ♣ s, just remember the bidding - he must have had 5 ♠ s and 4 ♥ s.

Suppose you play low on this ♥ (as South hopes you will). Dummy's ♥ K will take the trick, and when

Board 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 9 5

♥ -

♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ 9 6 5 3

♠ T 7 2

♥ J 8 7 3 2

♦ A K Q

♣ A K

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♠ 8 4 3

♥ Q T 4

♦ 8 7 3

♣ J 8 7 4

♠ A 6

♥ A K 9 6 5

♦ J T 5

♣ Q T 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	6 ♥	All Pass	

6 ♥ by North

and play another ♥, finessing your ♥T. With no trump loser he will make the slam.

Baker SecondHand 17

You are East. The bidding has been as shown.

West led the ♠K, won by South's ♠A. South played a small ♣ to dummy's ♣A, then led dummy's ♥J.

What do you play? ♥Q or ♥4?

When you have made your choice

Remember that South opened 1 ♥, so he has 5 of them. With only 3 trumps out he has no intention of finessing. Perhaps he led the ♥J just to tempt you to cover in this situation.

If you play low he will win with one of his high ♥s and then you will have a sure ♥ winner. Along with the ♠ winner West has you will defeat the slam.

If you cover the ♥J with your ♥Q South will again win with one of his high ones. But now the position will be clear to South and he will return to dummy

loser he will make the slam.

Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 5 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 8 6 4

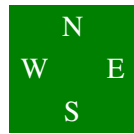
♣ T 8 5 3

♠ Q J 6

♥ T 5 4

♦ A K 3

♣ A Q 7 4



♠ 8 3

♥ K Q J 9 8 6

♦ Q 7 5

♣ 6 2

♠ K T 7 4

♥ A 3

♦ J T 9 2

♣ K J 9

West

North

East

South

Pass

4♥

All Pass

2♥

4♥ by North

Baker SecondHand 18

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

You decide a trump lead is called for and lead the ♥2. Your partner wins with the ♥A and plays the ♦J. South lets this go to dummy's ♦K, (but you know he has ♦Q), then plays a trump back to his ♥K, pulling the 2 outstanding trumps from West and East.

South's next play is the ♠3 from his hand. Do you play your ♠A or not?

When you have made your choice

Even if South doesn't have the ♠K he can establish a ♠ winner just by leading twice toward the ♠QJ. That winner will take care of whatever black-suit loser he may have.

If East has a ♣ trick it is important to get it established soon. So go up with the ♠A and play a ♣ through dummy's ♣A Q. When South tries the ♠ suit again EAST can win and cash his ♣K for the setting trick.

If you play low on South's ♠ play East will be forced to win the trick and he cannot profitably attack the ♣ suit from his side.