

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q T 7

♥ T 9

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K 8 4

♠ J 6 4 2

♥ J 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ T 7 3



♠ 9 3

♥ 5 4

♦ Q T 8 3

♣ J 9 6 5 2

♠ 8 5

♥ A K Q 8 7 2

♦ K 5 4

♣ A Q

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

2 ♥

Pass

1 ♥

4 ♥

All Pass

4 ♥ by South

Baker Signals 6

You are West. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♠ A, East plays the ♠ 9, South the ♠ 5. You assume East has signaled you to continue ♠ s, so you play the ♠ Q. On this trick East plays the ♠ 3 and South the ♠ 8. How will you continue?

When you have made your choice

You might just switch suits, but you have a better choice.

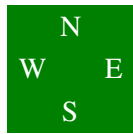
If you play your ♠ Q, East won't bother ruffing, South WILL ruff and dummy's ♠ J will be established as a winner.

The best procedure is to lead a low ♠. East will ruff and South will over-ruff but by playing this way you stop the establishment of North's ♠ J. As you can see, South would have been able to discard a loser on that ♠ J if you hadn't played this way.

Board 2
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ K 9 6 3
 ♥ Q J T 7
 ♦ 8 5 2
 ♣ 8 3

♠ J 8
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ K Q T 9 4
 ♣ 9 7 5



♠ A T 5 2
 ♥ 8 5 3
 ♦ A 7 3
 ♣ J 6 2

♠ Q 7 4
 ♥ A K 4
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ A K Q T 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

3 NT by North

want to win the second ♦ trick.

This defense holds South to one ♦ tricks, if you had let him win the second one he would have had 9 tricks.

Baker Signals 7

You are East. The bidding has been as shown. Partner led the ♥Q, you played low and South won the ♥A.

South now plays the ♦J on which West plays the ♦2. What do you play now, and what is your plan.

When you have made your choice

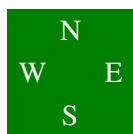
North hoped his ♦ suit would provide enough tricks to make the game. You can see that there is no entry to the North hand EXCEPT in ♦s, so you want to win your ♦A on the trick that South plays his last ♦. How can you tell which trick that is?

Only by watching what West plays. On the ♦J West played the ♦2, a low card signaling that he held an ODD number of ♦s. ODD must be either one or three so when he followed to the next ♦ you know he started with three. A little bit of counting tells you that South started with the doubleton Jack, so you

Board 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ A 6 5
 ♥ Q T 6 4
 ♦ K 7 2
 ♣ T 5 2

♠ K Q 9 3
 ♥ 8 7 3
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ 9 7 6 4



♠ 8 7 2
 ♥ J 9 5 2
 ♦ A 8 4 3
 ♣ 8 3

♠ J T 4
 ♥ A K
 ♦ J T 9 5
 ♣ A K Q J

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3 NT by North

Baker Signals 8
 You are West. The bidding has been as shown. You led the ♥4, East plays the ♥J, won by South with ♥A.

South plays the ♠J, you follow with ♠5, dummy ♠3 and East plays the ♠2. South continues with the ♠T and it is your play.

When you have made your choice

East's ♠2 tells you he had an ODD number of ♠s, obviously 3. Since South also must have 3, you must take your ♠A on the third round, depriving dummy of the extra ♠ trick.

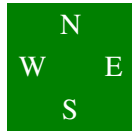
South may now turn to the ♦ suit, but your side can win the first ♦ and drive out South's ♥K. You will win 2 ♥s, 2 ♦s and the ♠A, down 1

Board 4

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



♠ A Q T 5
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ K J
♣ 8 7 3

♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ -
♦ T 9 8 4 3
♣ A K J 9

West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	All Pass	1NT

3 NT 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 5
 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.