

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8	♦ 8 7 4	♣ Q J 3
♥ K Q 9 7 2		
♦ 8 7 4		
♣ Q J 3		
♠ 3 2	♠ 9 6 4	
♥ 5	♥ 10 4	
♦ J 6 5 3 2	♦ K Q 10 9	
♣ A 9 8 7 2	♣ K 10 6 4	

♠ K Q J 10 7 5
 ♥ A J 8 6 3
 ♦ A
 ♣ 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by North			

Since there has not been a clear agreement on the trump suit you can assume it is ♥s, the last bid suit.

So you have two Key-Cards (♠A and ♥K, along with the ♥Q). You therefore bid 5 ♠ and partner bids 6 ♥.

Deal 2

North Deals	♠ K Q J 5
None Vul	♥ A Q J 3
	♦ Q 6
	♣ K Q J

♠ 8 4	♠ 6
♥ 8 7 6	♥ 10 4 2
♦ A J 9 4	♦ K 10 7 3 2
♣ 9 8 4 2	♣ 10 6 5 3

W	N	E	S
♠ A 10 9 7 3 2			
♥ K 9 5			
♦ 8 5			
♣ A 7			

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
5 ♠ by South			

Partner's jump to 4 ♠ indicates he is prepared to play at game even if you have as few as 6 points. So he must have 20 points or so. With your 14 that puts you in slam range. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Despite your conviction that this hand is going to slam you should NOT ask for Key-Cards holding a worthless doubleton. Instead, you make a slam try by bidding your cheapest control, 5 ♣. Partner says 5 ♥. What is your next bid?

You can only say 5 ♠. Partner would have control-bid ♦s if he held the Ace since controls are bid up-the-line. His failure to show it means he doesn't have it. Since you might be off the first two ♦ tricks you stop at 5 ♠.

Yes, partner should probably have opened 2 NT. Sometimes partners don't make the bids you think they oughta.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♦ 5

♣ K Q 3

♠ A 5

♥ Q 10 9 3

♦ 10 4 2

♣ J 7 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

 ♠ 4 3
 ♥ J 4 2
 ♦ Q J 9 8 7
 ♣ 10 9 5

♠ J 10 8 7

♥ A 7

♦ A K 6 3

♣ A 8 2

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 7 4
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West North East South

1 ♦

Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠

Pass 4 NT Pass 5 ♦

Pass 6 ♠ Pass Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by North

You have 3 Key-Cards so you bid 5 ♦.

Partner bids 6 ♠.

Deal 4
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 10 5
 ♥ 10 9 8 3
 ♦ A 10 8 2
 ♣ 10 5 2

14
4 2
20

	N		♦ 6 3
W		E	♥ 7 4 2
	S		♦ Q 9 7 6 4
			♣ 9 7 4

♠ AJ 9 7 2
 ♥ K Q 5
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ A K 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♠ by South			

Your partnership plays Jacoby 2 NT convention, so partner's 2 NT shows a game-forcing raise in ♠s. Your 3 NT bid indicates a 5-card suit and "extra values". Partner's 4 ♥ is a control-bid showing the ♥ A. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

What you need to know now about partner's hand is Key-Cards so you bid 4 NT. He answers 5 ♠. What is your bid?

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Partner's response says 2 Key-Cards and the ♠ Q. So you are missing either the trump King or the ♦ A. So you shouldn't bid 7, but you will almost surely make 6. You bid 6 ♠.