

**Deal 1**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

<b>♠ 9</b> <b>♥ Q 4 2</b> <b>♦ Q J 10 2</b> <b>♣ J 7 5 3 2</b>	<b>♠ K 10 7 2</b> <b>♥ A K 8 6 5</b> <b>♦ 8 3</b> <b>♣ 6 4</b>
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<b>♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3</b> <b>♥ 7</b> <b>♦ A K 4</b> <b>♣ A K</b>	<b>♠ 6</b> <b>♥ J 10 9 3</b> <b>♦ 9 7 6 5</b> <b>♣ Q 10 9 8</b>
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<b>10</b> <b>6 3</b> <b>21</b>	<b>West</b> <b>North</b> <b>East</b> <b>South</b>
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Pass Pass Pass Pass ALL	<b>2 ♥</b> <b>3 ♠</b> <b>5 ♥</b> <b>6 ♦</b> Pass	Pass Pass Pass Pass	<b>2 ♣</b> <b>2 ♠</b> <b>4 NT</b> <b>5 NT</b> <b>7 NT</b>
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7 NT by South

Your 2 ♥ response shows 8+ points, with at least 5 ♥s. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Your hand is looking better and better. You already gave a positive response so you know you are forced to game. It is better to keep the bidding low to allow more investigating room so you bid 3 ♠. Partner bids 4 NT. What is your response?

With ♠s agreed as trumps you have two Key-Cards, the ♠ K and the ♥ A. With no trump Queen you respond 5 ♥. Partner now says 5 NT. What do you reply?

Partner is asking for Kings and you have just 1, the ♥ K. Remember, the ♠ K is not a King, it is a Key-Card which you have already counted. So you bid 6 ♦. Partner counts 13 tricks and bids 7 NT.

**Deal 2**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul  
 ♠ 10  
 ♥ J 9 4 3  
 ♦ 7 5 3  
 ♣ A Q 7 6 3

11  
7 4  
**18**

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	♦ 10 7 5 2		♣ A 9	
	♦ 10 9 8 4 2			

♠ A K 9 6 5 4  
 ♥ K Q 6  
 ♦ K Q J 2  
 ♣ —

West	North	East	South
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	6 ♠
6 ♠ by South			

Partner's 3 ♠ is a limit raise, 11-12 points and good ♠ support. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

What you DO NOT say next is 4 NT. If partner answered 1 Key-Card you would not know what to do. If he has a red Ace you can make slam, but if his one Key-Card were the ♣ A you couldn't. Instead you make a control-showing bid of 4 ♣, promising first round control. Partner obliges you by bidding 4 ♥. What is your next bid?

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have the ♦ A. So you know you don't have a ♥ loser but do have a ♦ loser. You bid 6 ♠.

Partner's bidding is like the Sherlock Holmes tale Silver Blaze, about the dog that didn't bark. Partner's ♥ bid shows that he DOES have the ♥ A, but equally important it shows that he DOES NOT