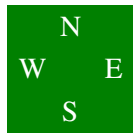


**Board 1**  
North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 6  
♥ Q T 9 4  
♦ T 9 6  
♣ Q J 9 3

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



♠ -  
♥ J 3 2  
♦ Q J 7 5 2  
♣ T 8 7 5 2

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

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

7NT by North

Baker Roman 19

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 4NT. 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 5NT. 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 7NT.

**Board 2**  
North Deals  
N-S Vul

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

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

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

♠ 8  
♥ T 9 7 4 2  
♦ A 9 5  
♣ 9 8 7 6

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

6 ♠ by East

Baker Roman 20  
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 4NT. 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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Partner's bidding is like the Sherlock Holmes tale <u>Silver Blaze</u>, 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 have the ♦A. So you know you don't have a ♥ loser but do have a ♦ loser. You bid 6 ♠.