

Board 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 4 3
♥ T 7
♦ A T 8 5
♣ J T 5 4

♠ A 6 5 2

♥ Q J 5 2

♦ K J 3

♣ 8 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 9

♥ 3

♦ Q 9 7 6 4 2

♣ 9 6 3

♠ K T 8
♥ A K 9 8 6 4
♦ -
♣ A K Q 7

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

6♥ by South

Baker Roman 6

Your partner's 3♥ is a limit-raise, 11-12 points with ♥ support. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

What you want to know is whether partner holds the ♠ A. If you bid 4NT and he shows two Key-Cards all will be well, you will know they are the two missing Aces. But if he shows just 1 Key-Card you will be in the soup since you can't tell if that Key-Card is the useful ♠ A or the practically useless ♦ A. So you don't use RKCB, you use control-showing and bid 4♣. Partner says 4♥. What do you bid next?

Partner would have control-bid ♦ s if he had the Ace. You may not think that helps but it does since now you can bid RKCB. You bid 4NT and he answers 5♣. What is your next bid?

It was a lot of work but you have figured out that partner holds 11-12 points including one Key-Card which must be the ♠ A. It looks like the slam is a good idea so you say 6♥.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ K J T 7

♦ -

♣ A 9 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J T 3

♥ Q 9 6

♦ K 9 8 7 5

♣ 7 6

♠ A Q 9 7 4
 ♥ 8
 ♦ A 6 3 2
 ♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

6♠ by South

Baker Roman 7

Your 4♦ bid is a Splinter Bid, showing opening hand strength, at least 4 ♠s, and a singleton or void in ♦s. Partner bids 4NT.

You have 2 Key-Cards, the ♠K and the ♣A. So do you bid 5♥?

No. You have two Key-Cards AND a void. So you bid 5NT. Partner bids 6♠.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6 5 2

♥ 2

♦ T 8 6 5 4

♣ A 7 4 2

♠ A T 8

♥ K 9 8 4

♦ K 9

♣ K T 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 7 4 3

♥ Q J 5 3

♦ 7 3 2

♣ 8 3

♠ K Q J

♥ A T 7 6

♦ A Q J

♣ Q J 9

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥

All Pass

5♥ by South

Baker Roman 8

Your partner's 2NT opener is 20-21 points and the 3♣ bid is Stayman. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You know of 33 points and you know of an 8-card ♥ fit. The math tells you that 6♥ should be a good slam but you might as well check Key-Cards, that's why the convention was invented. So you bid 4NT and partner answers 5♥. What do you say?

You say "Darn!" You are missing just one Key-Card, but you are also missing the trump Queen. And with partner holding only a 4-card suit that Queen might well win a trick. Knowing that at best the slam will depend on a trump finesse you pass 5♥.

Board 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 8 6
♥ 6 4 2
♦ J T 3
♣ A 6 5 4

♠ A K Q J

♥ A J T 7

♦ A 5

♣ K Q T

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 5 4 3 2
♥ 3
♦ 9 8 6 2
♣ J 7 2

♠ 7
♥ K Q 9 8 5
♦ K Q 7 4
♣ 9 8 3

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

Baker Roman 9

With 11 points and a good suit you should make a positive response. So you bid 2♥. Partner then says 4NT. What is your bid?

The 4NT bid agrees ♥s as trump. You have one Key-Card, the ♥K, so you bid 5♣. Partner bids the ♥ slam.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ J 7 3
♦ J T 6 5
♣ A 7 4 3

♠ K T

♥ A K 9 8 4

♦ K Q 8

♣ K Q 6

	N		♠ 8 6 4
W		♥ Q T 2	
	E		♦ 9 7 2
	S		♣ J T 9 5

♠ A Q J 7 5 3
♥ 6 5
♦ A 4 3
♣ 8 2

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

6 ♠ by North

Baker Roman 10

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Your partner has shown a minimum opening hand, but with 6 ♠s. You are happy with the 8-card trump fit but need to know about Key-Cards. So you bid 4NT. Partner answers 5♠ and it is your bid again.

Partner has two Aces and the ♠Q. That should be all he needs to make slam so you bid 6♠.