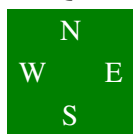


Board 1
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ T 8 4 2
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ J 3 2
 ♣ T 7 4 2

♠ A K Q J 3
 ♥ T 8 7 5
 ♦ K
 ♣ K Q J



♠ 6 5
 ♥ 4 3 2
 ♦ T 8 6 5
 ♣ 9 8 6 3

♠ 9 7
 ♥ A K 9 6
 ♦ A Q 9 7 4
 ♣ A 5

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	All Pass	

6 ♥ by North

Baker Roman 13
 Your 2 ♥ bid is a Reverse, showing 17+ points.

There has been no agreement on trumps, so you assume that North has implicitly agreed to ♥s. So you respond 5 ♣, showing 4 Key-Cards, three Aces and the ♥K. Partner next bids 5 ♦. What do you say?

5 ♦ is the Queen Ask. Partner obviously is thinking about a Grand Slam and wants to know whether you hold the trump Queen (♥Q). Since you do not have the card you return to the agreed trump suit at the lowest level - which is 5 ♥. Partner now bids 6 ♥.

Board 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 8 5
♥ T 7
♦ 9 4 3 2
♣ 9 7 5

♠ A 6 3

♥ A K 9 8 6 5

♦ K

♣ A 3 2



♠ Q T 4 2

♥ 4 2

♦ 6

♣ Q J T 8 6 4

♠ K 7

♥ Q J 3

♦ A Q J T 8 7 5

♣ K

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

7NT by South

Baker Roman 14

The bidding has been as shown. Yes, you could have jump-shifted on your first bid. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Slam in ♥s is almost certain, but you should check for Key-Cards. You bid 4NT and partner says 5♣. What do you bid next?

Partner shows 1 or 4 Key-cards. Since he jumped on the second round you figure it must be 4. So you have all the Key-Cards. Time to find out about the other Kings, so you bid 5NT. Partner replies 6♦. What do you bid?

Partner has 1 King, the only one left, the ♦K. You can count about 17 high-card tricks available so you bid 7NT.

Board 3

South Deals
E-W Vul

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

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

6 ♥ by North

Baker Roman 15
Your 3 ♠ bid is a Splinter, agreeing ♥s as trump, and showing opening hand strength with a singleton or void in ♠s. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

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You have one Key-Card, the ♥A. You also have a ♠ void, but since bidding 6 ♠ would take you above the 6 ♥ level you just respond 6 ♥. Partner will deduce that your void is in ♠s, particularly because you Splintered in that suit. Partner passes your 6 ♥ bid.

Board 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7
 ♥ 6 5 3
 ♦ A Q T 9 6 2
 ♣ Q 8 3

♠ A T 8 4 3

♥ Q T 8 4

♦ -

♣ K J T 2



♠ 2

♥ J 9 7 2

♦ K J 4 3

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ K Q J 9 6 5

♥ A K

♦ 8 7 5

♣ A 5

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	7 ♠
All Pass			

7 ♠ by South

Baker Roman 16

Partner's 4♦ bid is a Splinter Bid. It shows opening hand strength, at least 4-card ♠ support, and a singleton or void in ♦s. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Normally you would not ask for Key-Cards with this ♦ holding. But since you know partner has at most a singleton, and that it is not the singleton ♦ A, you are safe to do so. You say 4NT, partner replies 6♦. What next?

WOW! Partner has one Key-Card and a ♦ void. So the Key-Card is the ♠ A. You don't know what the rest of partner's hand is, but he can surely take care of that small ♣. You bid 7 ♠.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 6 3

♥ 8 7 2

♦ J 2

♣ 7 5 4 3

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K T 8 6 3

♣ A K Q



♠ T 4 2

♥ K Q J 9 5 3

♦ 5

♣ 9 6 2

♠ K 8 7

♥ A T 6

♦ Q 9 7 4

♣ J T 8

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

7NT by North

Baker Roman 17

Your 2NT response shows 8+ points, with no 5-card biddable suit. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You support the ♦s and partner bids 4NT. What is your next bid?

With ♦s as trump you have 1 Key-Card, the ♥A. You answer 5♣ and partner bids 5♥. What is your bid?

This is the Queen Ask, wanting to know if you hold the ♦Q. Since you do have it you should bid a suit in which you hold a King. So you bid 5♠. That spurred partner on - he was fishing for 7♦ but when you told him you had the ♦Q, ♥A and ♠K he was able to bid 7NT.

Board 6

West Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ -		
♥ K Q T 8 6 3 2		
♦ 5 3		
♣ J T 8 2		

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

6♥ by South

Baker Roman 18

Partner's 2♥ is a positive response, 8+ points with a 5+ card suit. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Even though it is tempting, bidding RKCB now would be a mistake because of your doubleton ♠ loser. Instead just support the ♥s. Partner cannot pass, you both know you are forced to game. In fact, partner bids 3♠. What do you bid next?

Partner promises first round ♠ control so NOW you can bid RCKB. When you bid 4NT partner answers 6♥. This shows 1 Key-Card and a void in a suit higher than ♥s. Knowing you are missing either the ♦A or ♥K you pass.