

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4 2

♥ T 4

♦ K Q 6 5

♣ K T 8 7

♠ K Q J T 7 5

♥ A J 8 6 3

♦ A

♣ 5

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|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ 6 3

♥ 5

♦ J T 9 3 2

♣ A 9 6 4 2

♠ A 8

♥ K Q 9 7 2

♦ 8 7 4

♣ Q J 3

| West | North | East     | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
|      | 1♠    | Pass     | 2♥    |
| Pass | 4NT   | Pass     | 5♠    |
| Pass | 6♥    | All Pass |       |

6♥ by North

**Baker Roman 1**

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♥.

**Board 2**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ K Q J 5

♥ A Q J 3

♦ Q 6

♣ K Q J

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|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ 6  
♥ 8 7 6  
♦ A J 9 2  
♣ 9 8 6 3 2

♠ A T 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♠    |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

5 ♠ by South

**Baker Roman 2**

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 2NT. Sometimes partners don't make the bids you think they oughta.

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 5 3

♥ 4 3

♦ T 2

♣ J 9 7 6 5 4

♠ J T 8 7

♥ A 7

♦ A K 6 3

♣ A 8 2



♠ 4

♥ Q J T 9 2

♦ Q J 9 8 7 4

♣ T

♠ K Q 9 6 2

♥ K 8 6 5

♦ 5

♣ K Q 3

Baker Roman 3

You have 3 Key-Cards so you bid 5♦. Partner bids

6♠.

| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
|          | 1♦    | Pass | 1♠    |
| Pass     | 3♠    | Pass | 4NT   |
| Pass     | 5♦    | Pass | 6♠    |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

6♠ by South

**Board 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ K Q 8 4

♥ A J 6

♦ J 3

♣ Q J 8 3

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ T 6  
♥ T 9 8 3  
♦ Q 9 7 4  
♣ T 4 2

♠ A J 9 7 2  
♥ K Q 5  
♦ K 5  
♣ A K 6

| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
|          |       |      | 1♠    |
| Pass     | 2NT   | Pass | 3NT   |
| Pass     | 4♥    | Pass | 4NT   |
| Pass     | 5♠    | Pass | 6♠    |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

6 ♠ by South

**Baker Roman 4**

Your partnership plays Jacoby 2NT convention, so

partner's 2NT shows a game-forcing raise in ♠s.

Your 3NT 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 4NT. 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♠.

**Board 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ A Q

♥ T 7 4

♦ K J 6 3

♣ K Q J 7

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ T 6 5  
 ♥ A 9 5 3  
 ♦ 9 4  
 ♣ 9 8 4 2

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
|      | 1NT   | Pass | 3♦    |
| Pass | 4♦    | Pass | 4NT   |
| Pass | 5♥    | Pass | 6♦    |
| Pass |       |      |       |

6♦ by South

**Baker Roman 5**

Partner's 3♦ bid shows a very good hand with probable slam interest. It is very tempting to say 3NT now but you don't have ♥s stopped and don't know if partner does. So with good ♦ support you bid 4♦. Partner bids 4NT. What is your response?

You have 2 Key-Cards, the ♠A and ♦K. But you don't have the ♦Q so you answer 5♥. Partner bids 6♦.

**Board 6**

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♥.