

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 3
♥ 3
♦ A Q 10 7 5 4
♣ 10 5 4 3

♠ K 10 8
♥ A K 9 8 6 4
♦ —
♣ A K Q 7



♠ Q 9 7 4
♥ 10 7
♦ 9 8 6 2
♣ J 9 6

19
7 3
11

♠ A 6 5 2
♥ Q J 5 2
♦ K J 3
♣ 8 2

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

6 ♥ by North

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 4 NT 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 4 NT 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 ♥.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10
♥ A 5 4 2
♦ Q 10 8 7 5
♣ 7 6 4

11
6 7
16

♠ K 8 6 5 2
♥ K J 10 7
♦ —
♣ A 9 8 3



♠ A Q 9 7 4
♥ 8
♦ A 6 3 2
♣ K Q J

♠ J 3
♥ Q 9 6 3
♦ K J 9 4
♣ 10 5 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♠ by South

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

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 5 NT. Partner bids 6 ♠.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 4 3 2
♥ 5 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ A 4 2

20
4 3
13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♥ by North

♠ K Q J
♥ A 10 7 6
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9



♠ A 10 8
♥ K 9 8 4
♦ K 9
♣ K 10 6 5

North

2 NT

3 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♣

4 NT

Pass

Your partner's 2 NT 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 4 NT 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 ♥.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 2

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 2

♣ A 5 4

24
5 1
10

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A K Q J

♥ A J 10 7

♦ A 5

♣ K Q 10



♠ 7

♥ K Q 9 8 5

♦ K Q 7 4

♣ 9 8 3

North

2 ♣

4 NT

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

5 ♣

Pass

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

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

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 2
 ♥ Q J 3
 ♦ J 9 6
 ♣ J 10 5 3

11
 5 4
 20

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by North

♠ A Q J 7 5 3

♥ 6 5

♦ A 4 3

♣ 8 2



♠ K 10

♥ A K 9 8 4

♦ K Q 8

♣ K Q 6

♠ 8 4

♥ 10 7 2

♦ 10 7 5 2

♣ A 9 7 4

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 4 NT. 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 ♠.

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥

3 ♠

Pass

4 NT

5 ♠

Pass

6 ♠

Pass

Pass