

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 7 5  
♥ A J 8 6 3  
♦ A  
♣ 5

♠ 9 6 4  
♥ 10 4  
♦ K Q 10 9  
♣ K 10 6 4



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

15  
8 5  
12

♠ A 8  
♥ K Q 9 7 2  
♦ 8 7 4  
♣ Q J 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 5 ♠]

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 ♥.

**Deal 2**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4  
 ♥ 8 7 6  
 ♦ A J 9 4  
 ♣ 9 8 4 2

21  
 5 3  
 11

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♠ by South

♠ K Q J 5

♥ A Q J 3

♦ Q 6

♣ K Q J



♠ A 10 9 7 3 2

♥ K 9 5

♦ 8 5

♣ A 7

North

1 ♣

4 ♠

5 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

5 ♣

5 ♠

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 click on BID above. [BID 5 ♣]

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? [BID 5 ♠]

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

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 5  
♥ Q 10 9 3  
♦ 10 4 2  
♣ J 7 6 4

13  
7 4  
16

♠ K Q 9 6 2  
♥ K 8 6 5  
♦ 5  
♣ K Q 3



♠ J 10 8 7  
♥ A 7  
♦ A K 6 3  
♣ A 8 2

♠ 4 3  
♥ J 4 2  
♦ Q J 9 8 7  
♣ 10 9 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by North			

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 5 ♦]

You have 3 Key-Cards so you bid 5 ♦.  
Partner bids 6 ♠.

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 5  
♥ 10 9 8 3  
♦ A 10 8 2  
♣ 10 5 2

14  
4 2  
20

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

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



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

North

2 NT

4 ♥

5 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

3 NT

4 NT

6 ♠

Your partnership plays Jacoby 2 NT convention, so partner's 2 NT shows a game-forcing raise in ♠s. Your 3 NT 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 click on BID above. [BID 4 NT]

What you need to know now about partner's hand is Key-Cards so you bid 4 NT. He answers 5 ♠. What is your bid? [BID 6 ♠]

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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 ♠.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 5 3  
♥ K J 8  
♦ 9 2  
♣ 8 5 4

14  
4 6  
16

West

North

East

South

Pass

3♦

Pass

4♦

Pass

4NT

Pass

5♥

Pass

6♦

ALL

Pass

6♦ by North

♠ K J 7

♥ 6

♦ A Q 10 8 7 5

♣ A 10 6



♠ A Q

♥ 10 7 4

♦ K J 6 3

♣ K Q J 7

♠ 6 4 2

♥ A Q 9 5 3 2

♦ 4

♣ 9 3 2

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 4♦]

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? [BID 5♥]

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

**Deal 6**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4  
♥ 10 7  
♦ 9 8 6 2  
♣ J 9 6

11  
3 7  
19

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

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



♠ K 10 8  
♥ A K 9 8 6 4  
♦ —  
♣ A K Q 7

North

3 ♥

4 ♥

5 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 ♣

4 NT

6 ♥

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

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? [BID 4 NT]

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? [BID 6 ♥]

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 7**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 3  
♥ Q 9 6 3  
♦ K J 9 4  
♣ 10 5 2

16  
7 6  
11

♠ A Q 9 7 4

♥ 8

♦ A 6 3 2

♣ K Q J



♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ K J 10 7

♦ —

♣ A 9 8 3

♠ 10

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 8 7 5

♣ 7 6 4

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

6 ♠ by North

The bidding has gone as shown. 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. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 5 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 8**

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 click on BID above. [BID 4 NT]

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? [BID pass]

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 9**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ A K Q J  
♥ A J 10 7  
♦ A 5  
♣ K Q 10

♠ 10 9 8 4 2  
♥ 6 4 2  
♦ J 2  
♣ A 5 4



♠ 6 5 3  
♥ 3  
♦ 10 9 8 6 3  
♣ J 7 6 2

24  
5 1  
10

♠ 7  
♥ K Q 9 8 5  
♦ K Q 7 4  
♣ 9 8 3

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

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 2 ♥]

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? [BID 5 ♣]

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

**Deal 10**

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

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♥

4 NT

6 ♠

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above. [BID 4 NT]

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. [BID 6 ♠]

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

**Deal 11**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 8 3  
♥ 7 6  
♦ 9 5 2  
♣ K 9 8 4 2

21  
3 7  
9

West

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

7♥ by South

♠ A K Q J  
♥ A Q 10 4 3  
♦ A J 8  
♣ 7



♠ 7 6 4 2  
♥ K J 9 8 5  
♦ K Q 7 4  
♣ —

North

2♣  
4NT  
7♥

East

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

South

2♥  
6♣  
Pass

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 2♥]

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? [BID 6♣]

The 4NT bid agrees ♥s as trump. You have one Key-Card, the ♥K, but you also have a void in ♣s. You therefore answer 6♣. Partner goes all the way to 7♥.

**Deal 12**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 10 9 7  
♥ K J 10  
♦ Q J 10 3  
♣ K J

♠ Q 8 4 3  
♥ 8 6  
♦ 9 7 4  
♣ 9 8 6 5



♠ J  
♥ 9 5 3 2  
♦ A 5 2  
♣ 10 7 4 3 2

15  
2 5  
18

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

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass		
5 ♠ by North			

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above. [BID 4 NT]

Partner has 15-17 points and 4 ♠s. You have 18 points and 4 ♠s. You plan to bid the slam, but first you check Key-Cards. So you bid 4 NT. Partner says 5 ♣. What do you bid? [BID 5 ♦]

You are missing 1 Key-Card. Slam has become less certain. You decide to see if partner has the trump Queen so you bid 5 ♦. Partner bids 5 ♠. What do you say next? [BID pass]

Partner denies having the ♠ Q. Knowing that the best you could hope for would be a finesse to make the slam you give up your quest and pass.

**Deal 13**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ A K Q J 3

♥ 10 8 7 5

♦ K

♣ K Q J

♠ 6

♥ Q J

♦ J 6 5 3

♣ 10 9 8 7 6 2



♠ 10 8 5 4 2

♥ 4 3 2

♦ 10 8 2

♣ 4 3

19  
4   0  
17

♠ 9 7

♥ A K 9 6

♦ A Q 9 7 4

♣ A 5

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

Your 2 ♥ bid is a Reverse, showing 17+ points. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 5 ♣]

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? [BID 5 ♥]

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 ♥.

**Deal 14**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5  
♥ 10 7  
♦ 6 4 3 2  
♣ Q 8 7 5

18  
4 2  
16

♠ A 6 3

♥ A K 9 8 6 5

♦ K

♣ A 3 2



♠ K 7

♥ Q J 3

♦ A Q J 10 8 7 5

♣ K

♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ 4 2

♦ 9

♣ J 10 9 6 4

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

The bidding has been as shown. Yes, you could have jump-shifted on your first bid. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above. [BID 4 NT]

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

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 5 NT. Partner replies 6 ♦. What do you bid? [BID 7 NT]

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

**Deal 15**

North Deals

None Vul

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

15  
 7 7  
 11

West

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

♠ 10 8 6  
 ♥ K Q J 8 3  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ A K Q 6



♠ —  
 ♥ A 10 9 6  
 ♦ K Q J 7 4  
 ♣ J 10 8 3

North

1 ♥

4 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

6 ♥

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

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 click on BID above. [BID 6 ♥]

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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.

**Deal 16**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 2  
♥ 9 7 6  
♦ K 10 9 6 4  
♣ Q 9 6 3

10  
5 8  
17

West

North

East

South

Pass

4♦

Pass

1♠

Pass

6♦

Pass

4NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

7♠

7♠ by South

♠ A 10 8 4 3  
♥ Q 10 8 4  
♦ —  
♣ K J 10 2



♠ K Q J 9 6 5  
♥ A K  
♦ 8 7 5  
♣ A 5

♠ 7  
♥ J 5 3 2  
♦ A Q J 3 2  
♣ 8 7 4

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 click on BID above. [BID 4NT]

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? [BID 7♠]

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♠.



**Deal 17**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 3

♥ Q J 5 3 2

♦ J 5

♣ 6 5 3

 22  
 5 3  
 10

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K 10 8 6 3

♣ A K Q



♠ K 8 7

♥ A 10 6

♦ Q 9 7 4

♣ J 10 8

♠ 10 9 4 2

♥ K 9 8 7

♦ 2

♣ 9 7 4 2

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

partner on - he was fishing for 7 ♦ but when you told him you had the ♦ Q, ♥ A and ♠ K he was able to bid 7 NT.

Your 2 NT response shows 8+ points, with no 5-card biddable suit. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above. [BID 4 ♦]

You support the ♦s and partner bids 4 NT. What is your next bid? [BID 5 ♣]

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

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

**Deal 18**

East Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
7 5  
22

West

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

6 ♥ by North

♠ —

♥ K Q 10 8 6 3 2

♦ 5 3

♣ J 10 8 2



♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 7

♦ K Q J

♣ A K Q 6

North

2 ♥  
3 ♠  
6 ♥

East

Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
ALL

South

2 ♣  
3 ♥  
4 NT  
Pass

♠ A J 10 6 4 3

♥ —

♦ 10 8 7 4 2

♣ 7 4

Partner's 2 ♥ is a positive response, 8+ points with a 5+ card suit. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above. [BID 3 ♥]

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? [BID 4 NT]

Partner promises first round ♠ control so NOW you can bid RCKB. When you bid 4 NT 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.

**Deal 19**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 6  
♥ J 10 9 3  
♦ 9 7 6 5  
♣ Q 10 9 8

21  
3 6  
10

West

North

East

South

	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6 ♦
Pass	7 NT	ALL	Pass

7 NT by North

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K



♠ K 10 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

Your 2 ♥ response shows 8+ points, with at least 5 ♥s. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above. [BID 3 ♠]

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 4 NT. What is your response? [BID 5 ♥]

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 5 NT. What do you reply? [BID 6 ♦]

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 7 NT.

**Deal 20**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ A 8

♦ 10 8 6 4

♣ K J 5

♠ 10

♥ J 9 4 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ A Q 7 6 3



♠ 8 2

♥ 10 7 5 2

♦ A 9

♣ 10 9 8 4 2

♠ A K 9 6 5 4

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q J 2

♣ —

 11  
 7 4  
 18

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

Partner's 3 ♠ is a limit raise, 11-12 points and good ♠ support. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above. [BID 4 ♣]

What you DO NOT say next is 4 NT. 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? [BID 6 ♠]

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Partner's bidding is like the Sherlock Holmes tale Silver Blaze, 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 ♠.