

**Board 1**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

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♠ 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

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

6♥ by South

## Baker Roman 13

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

There has been no agreement on trumps, so you assume that South 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

	N	E
W		E
	S	

♠ 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**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 7

♥ 5 4

♦ A 8 5 3

♣ 9 7 5 4

♠ T 8 6

♥ K Q J 8 3

♦ T

♣ A K Q 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 9 5 4 3 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 6 2

♣ 2

♠ -

♥ A T 9 6

♦ K Q J 7 4

♣ J T 8 3

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

6♥ by South

**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

	N	E
W		S
	♠ 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♠.