

Board 1

North Deals

None 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 2

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 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♥.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ -
 ♥ A 5 4 3 2
 ♦ Q J T 4
 ♣ T 5 4 2

♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ K J T 7

♦ -

♣ A 9 8 3



♠ J T 3

♥ Q 9 6

♦ K 9 8 7 5
 ♣ 7 6

♠ A Q 9 7 4
 ♥ 8
 ♦ A 6 3 2
 ♣ K Q J

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

All Pass

6 ♠ by South

Baker Roman 7

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

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 5NT. Partner bids 6♠.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6 5 2

♥ 2

♦ T 8 6 5 4

♣ A 7 4 2

♠ A T 8

♥ K 9 8 4

♦ K 9

♣ K T 6 5



♠ 9 7 4 3

♥ Q J 5 3

♦ 7 3 2

♣ 8 3

♠ K Q J

♥ A T 7 6

♦ A Q J

♣ Q J 9

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

All Pass

5♥ by South

Baker Roman 8

Your partner's 2NT 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 4NT 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♥.