

**Board 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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

6♥ by North

## Baker Roman 13

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

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?

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**

South Deals      ♠ -  
 E-W Vul      ♥ A T 9 6  
                  ♦ K Q J 7 4  
                  ♣ J T 8 3  
 ♠ A K 9 5 4 3 2  
 ♥ 7 2  
 ♦ 9 6 2  
 ♣ 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

6♥ by North

**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♠.

**Board 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K T 8 6 3

♣ A K Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 4 2

♥ K Q J 9 5 3

♦ 5

♣ 9 6 2

♠ K 8 7

♥ A T 6

♦ Q 9 7 4

♣ J T 8

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

7NT by North

## Baker Roman 17

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

You support the ♦s and partner bids 4NT. What is your next bid?

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

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

**Board 6**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J T 9 7 4 3

♥ -

♦ T 8 4 2

♣ 7 5

♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 7

♦ K Q J

♣ A K Q 6

N		
W	E	
S		

♠ A 6 5 2

♥ 5 4

♦ A 9 7 6

♣ 9 4 3

♠ -

♥ K Q T 8 6 3 2

♦ 5 3

♣ J T 8 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♥
Pass			

6♥ by South

## Baker Roman 18

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

Even though it is tempting, bidding RCKB 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?

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