

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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

7NT by South

**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 2**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J T 9 7 4 3		♠ A 6 5 2
♥ -		♥ 5 4
♦ T 8 4 2		♦ A 9 7 6
♣ 7 5		♣ 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 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?

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.

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6  
 ♥ Q T 9 4  
 ♦ T 9 6  
 ♣ Q J 9 3

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K



♠ -

♥ J 3 2

♦ Q J 7 5 2

♣ T 8 7 5 2

♠ K T 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

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

7NT by North

**Baker Roman 19**

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

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 4NT. What is your response?

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 5NT. What do you reply?

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 7NT.

**Board 4**  
East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8  
♥ T 9 7 4 2  
♦ A 9 5  
♣ 9 8 7 6

♠ Q J 7 3  
♥ A 8  
♦ T 8 6 4  
♣ K J 5



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

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

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

6 ♠ by South

Baker Roman 20  
Partner's 3 ♠ is a limit raise, 11-12 points and good ♠ support. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

What you DO NOT say next is 4NT. 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?

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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 ♠.