Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

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              ♠ K T 7 2
              ♥ A K 8 6 5
              ♦ 8 3
              ♣ 6 4
♠ -                        ♠ 9 6
♥ J 3 2          N         ♥ Q T 9 4
♦ Q J 7 5 2   W     E      ♦ T 9 6
♣ T 8 7 5 2      S         ♣ Q J 9 3
              ♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3
              ♥ 7
              ♦ A K 4
              ♣ A K
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West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♦	Pass	7NT
Pass			

7 NT by South

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 2
East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 7 3
♥ A 8
♦ T 8 6 4
♣ K J 5

♠ 8
♥ T 9 7 4 2
♦ A 9 5
♣ 9 8 7 6

N
W E
S

♠ 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 <u>Silver Blaze</u>, 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♠.