

**Deal 2**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

15  
8 5  
12

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



♠ A 8  
♥ K Q 9 7 2  
♦ 8 7 4  
♣ Q J 3

♠ 6 3  
♥ 5  
♦ J T 9 3 2  
♣ A 9 6 4 2

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

6 ♥ by North

**Baker Roman 1**

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 5 ♠]

Since there has not been a clear agreement on the trump suit you can assume it is ♥s, the last bid suit.

So you have two Key-Cards (♠A and ♥K, along with the ♥Q). You therefore bid 5 ♠ and partner bids 6 ♥.

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 4  
♥ T 4 2  
♦ K T 7 4 3  
♣ T 5 4

21  
3 5  
11

♠ K Q J 5  
♥ A Q J 3  
♦ Q 6  
♣ K Q J



♠ A T 9 7 3 2  
♥ K 9 5  
♦ 8 5  
♣ A 7

♠ 6  
♥ 8 7 6  
♦ A J 9 2  
♣ 9 8 6 3 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	5 ♠
All Pass			

5 ♠ by South

off the first two ♦ tricks you stop at 5 ♠.

Yes, partner should probably have opened 2NT. Sometimes partners don't make the bids you think they oughta.

**Baker Roman 2**

Partner's jump to 4 ♠ indicates he is prepared to play at game even if you have as few as 6 points. So he must have 20 points or so. With your 14 that puts you in slam range. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above. [BID 5 ♣]

Despite your conviction that this hand is going to slam you should NOT ask for Key-Cards holding a worthless doubleton. Instead, you make a slam try by bidding your cheapest control, 5 ♣. Partner says 5 ♥. What is your next bid? [BID 5 ♠]

You can only say 5 ♠. Partner would have control-bid ♦s if he held the Ace since controls are bid up-the-line. His failure to show it means he doesn't have it. Since you might be

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 4  
♥ Q J T 9 2  
♦ Q J 9 8 7 4  
♣ T

13  
6 5  
16

♠ K Q 9 6 2

♥ K 8 6 5

♦ 5

♣ K Q 3



♠ J T 8 7

♥ A 7

♦ A K 6 3

♣ A 8 2

♠ A 5 3

♥ 4 3

♦ T 2

♣ J 9 7 6 5 4

**Baker Roman 3**

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 5♦]

You have 3 Key-Cards so you bid 5♦. Partner bids 6♠.

West	North	East	South
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

6♠ by North

# Deal 5

South Deals  
None Vul

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

14  
4 2  
20

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



♠ A J 9 7 2  
♥ K Q 5  
♦ K 5  
♣ A K 6

♠ T 6  
♥ T 9 8 3  
♦ Q 9 7 4  
♣ T 4 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

6 ♠ by South

## Baker Roman 4

Your partnership plays Jacoby 2NT convention, so partner's 2NT shows a game-forcing raise in ♠s. Your 3NT bid indicates a 5-card suit and "extra values". Partner's 4♥ is a control-bid showing the ♥A. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above. [BID 4NT]

What you need to know now about partner's hand is Key-Cards so you bid 4NT. He answers 5♠. What is your bid? [BID 6♠]

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Partner's response says 2 Key-Cards and the ♠Q. So you are missing either the trump King or the ♦A. So you shouldn't bid 7, but you will almost surely make 6. You bid 6♠.

# Deal 6

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ T 6 5  
♥ A 9 5 3  
♦ 9 4  
♣ 9 8 4 2

14  
4 6  
16

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



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

♠ 9 8 4 3 2  
♥ K Q J 8 2  
♦ 2  
♣ 5 3

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	Pass	
6♦ by North			

## Baker Roman 5

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 4♦]

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? [BID 5♥]

You have 2 Key-Cards, the ♠A and ♦K. But you don't have the ♦Q so you answer 5♥. Partner bids 6♦.

**Deal 7**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

11  
5 5  
19

♠ A 6 5 2  
♥ Q J 5 2  
♦ K J 3  
♣ 8 2



♠ K T 8  
♥ A K 9 8 6 4  
♦ -  
♣ A K Q 7

♠ Q J 9  
♥ 3  
♦ Q 9 7 6 4 2  
♣ 9 6 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	6 ♥
All Pass			

6 ♥ by South

bid? [BID 6 ♥]

Baker Roman 6

Your partner's 3 ♥ is a limit-raise, 11-12 points with ♥ support. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above. [BID pass]

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? [BID 4NT]

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

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 ♥.

# Deal 8

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J T 3  
♥ Q 9 6  
♦ K 9 8 7 5  
♣ 7 6

16  
6 7  
11

♠ A Q 9 7 4

♥ 8

♦ A 6 3 2

♣ K Q J



♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ K J T 7

♦ -

♣ A 9 8 3

♠ -

♥ A 5 4 3 2

♦ Q J T 4

♣ T 5 4 2

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

6 ♠ by North

## Baker Roman 7

The bidding has gone as shown. 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. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 5NT]

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 ♠.

**Deal 9**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

20  
3 4  
13

♠ K Q J  
♥ A T 7 6  
♦ A Q J  
♣ Q J 9



♠ A T 8  
♥ K 9 8 4  
♦ K 9  
♣ K T 6 5

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

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

5♥ by North

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 click on BID above. [BID 4NT]

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? [BID pass]

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♥.



**Deal 10**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ T 8 6  
♥ 6 4 2  
♦ J T 3  
♣ A 6 5 4

24  
5 1  
10

♠ A K Q J  
♥ A J T 7  
♦ A 5  
♣ K Q T



♠ 7  
♥ K Q 9 8 5  
♦ K Q 7 4  
♣ 9 8 3

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

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

6♥ by North

**Baker Roman 9**

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 2♥]

With 11 points and a good suit you should make a positive response. So you bid 2♥. Partner then says 4NT. What is your bid? [BID 5♣]

The 4NT bid agrees ♥s as trump. You have one Key-Card, the ♥K, so you bid 5♣. Partner bids the ♥ slam.

**Deal 11**

North Deals

None Vul

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

11  
3 6  
20

♠ A Q J 7 5 3

♥ 6 5

♦ A 4 3

♣ 8 2



♠ K T

♥ A K 9 8 4

♦ K Q 8

♣ K Q 6

♠ 9 2

♥ J 7 3

♦ J T 6 5

♣ A 7 4 3

West

Pass

Pass

All Pass

North

1 ♠

3 ♠

5 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♥

4NT

6 ♠

6 ♠ by South

**Baker Roman 10**

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above.  
[BID 4NT]

Your partner has shown a minimum opening hand, but with 6 ♠s. You are happy with the 8-card trump fit but need to know about Key-Cards. So you bid 4NT. Partner answers 5 ♠ and it is your bid again. [BID 6 ♠]

Partner has two Aces and the ♠Q. That should be all he needs to make slam so you bid 6 ♠.

**Deal 12**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8	♠ A K Q J	♠ T 9 5 3
♥ 7 6	♥ A Q T 4 3	♥ 2
♦ T 9 3	♦ A J 8	♦ 6 5 2
♣ A T 8 6 5 4 2	♣ 7	♣ K Q J 9 3
	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W      E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	
21	♠ 7 6 4 2	
4      6	♥ K J 9 8 5	
9	♦ K Q 7 4	
	♣ -	

**Baker Roman 11**

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 2♥]

With 11 points and a good suit you should make a positive response. So you bid 2♥. Partner then says 4NT. What is your bid? [BID 6♣]

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

The 4NT bid agrees ♥s as trump. You have one Key-Card, the ♥K, but you also have a void in ♣s. You therefore answer 6♣. Partner goes all the way to 7♥.

7♥ by North

**Deal 13**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q J 8 3  
♥ 9 3 2  
♦ 5 2  
♣ T 8 7 2

15  
3 4  
18

♠ A T 9 7  
♥ K J T  
♦ Q J T 3  
♣ K J



♠ K 6 5 2  
♥ A Q 7 4  
♦ K 8 6  
♣ A Q

♠ 4  
♥ 8 6 5  
♦ A 9 7 4  
♣ 9 6 5 4 3

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

5 ♠ by North

to make the slam you give up your quest and pass.

**Baker Roman 12**

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above.  
[BID 4NT]

Partner has 15-17 points and 4 ♠s. You have 18 points and 4 ♠s. You plan to bid the slam, but first you check Key-Cards. So you bid 4NT. Partner says 5♣. What do you bid? [BID 5♦]

You are missing 1 Key-Card. Slam has become less certain. You decide to see if partner has the trump Queen so you bid 5♦. Partner bids 5♠. What do you say next? [BID pass]

Partner denies having the ♠Q. Knowing that the best you could hope for would be a finesse

# Deal 14

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ T 8 4 2  
♥ Q J  
♦ J 3 2  
♣ T 7 4 2

19  
4 0  
17

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



♠ 9 7  
♥ A K 9 6  
♦ A Q 9 7 4  
♣ A 5

♠ 6 5  
♥ 4 3 2  
♦ T 8 6 5  
♣ 9 8 6 3

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.  
Decide what you would say, then click on BID  
above. [BID 5♣]

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? [BID 5♥]

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♥.

**Deal 15**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

18  
1 5  
16

♠ A 6 3  
♥ A K 9 8 6 5  
♦ K  
♣ A 3 2



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

♠ Q T 4 2  
♥ 4 2  
♦ 6  
♣ Q J T 8 6 4

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

**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 click on BID above. [BID 4NT]

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? [BID 5NT]

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? [BID 7NT]

7NT by South

Partner has 1 King, the only one left, the ♦K. You can count about 17 high-card tricks available so you bid 7NT.

# Deal 16

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q J 7  
♥ 5 4  
♦ A 8 5 3  
♣ 9 7 5 4

15  
7 7  
11

West

Pass  
All Pass

North

1♥  
4NT

East

Pass  
Pass

South

3♠  
6♥

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



♠ -  
♥ 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

## 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 click on BID above. [BID 6♥]

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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.

6♥ by South

**Deal 17**

East Deals

None Vul

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



10  
8 5  
17

♠ 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 click on BID above. [BID 4NT]

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? [BID 7 ♠]

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 ♠.



# Deal 18

North Deals  
None Vul

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

22  
2 6  
10

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



♠ K 8 7  
♥ A T 6  
♦ Q 9 7 4  
♣ J T 8

♠ T 4 2  
♥ K Q J 9 5 3  
♦ 5  
♣ 9 6 2

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

♦Q, ♥A and ♠K he was able to bid 7NT.

## Baker Roman 17

Your 2NT response shows 8+ points, with no 5-card biddable suit. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above. [BID 4♦]

You support the ♦s and partner bids 4NT. What is your next bid? [BID 5♣]

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

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

# Deal 19

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 6 5 2  
♥ 5 4  
♦ A 9 7 6  
♣ 9 4 3

6  
8 4  
22

♠ -  
♥ K Q T 8 6 3 2  
♦ 5 3  
♣ J T 8 2



♠ Q 8  
♥ A J 9 7  
♦ K Q J  
♣ A K Q 6

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

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

## Baker Roman 18

Partner's 2♥ is a positive response, 8+ points with a 5+ card suit. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above. [BID 3♥]

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? [BID 4NT]

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.

# Deal 20

North Deals  
None Vul

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

21  
5 4  
10

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



♠ K T 7 2  
♥ A K 8 6 5  
♦ 8 3  
♣ 6 4

♠ -  
♥ J 3 2  
♦ Q J 7 5 2  
♣ T 8 7 5 2

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 click on BID above. [BID 3♠]

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? [BID 5♥]

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? [BID 6♦]

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.

East Deals  
None Vul

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

11  
4 7  
18

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



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

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

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

6 ♠ by South

you know you don't have a ♥ loser but do have a ♦ loser. You bid 6 ♠.

Baker Roman 20

Partner's 3 ♠ is a limit raise, 11-12 points and good ♠ support. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above. [BID 4 ♣]

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? [BID 6 ♠]

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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