

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 4
 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ K Q 10 9
 ♣ K 10 6 4

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 8 5
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	N		♦ 3 2
W		E	♥ 5
	S		♦ J 6 5 3 2
			♣ A 9 8 7 2

♠ A 8
 ♥ K Q 9 7 2
 ♦ 8 7 4
 ♣ Q J 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

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 2

North Deals	♠ K Q J 5
None Vul	♥ A Q J 3
	♦ Q 6
	♣ K Q J
♠ 8 4	♠ 6
♥ 8 7 6	♥ 10 4 2
♦ A J 9 4	♦ K 10 7 3 2
♣ 9 8 4 2	♣ 10 6 5 3

♠ A 10 9 7 3 2
 ♥ K 9 5
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ A 7

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

5 ♠ by South

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 ♠]

controls are bid up-the-line. His failure to show it means he doesn't have it. Since you might be off the first two ♦ tricks you stop at 5 ♠.

You can only say 5 ♠. Partner would have control-bid ♦s if he held the Ace since

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

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 5	♦ K Q 9 6 2
♥ Q 10 9 3	♦ K 8 6 5
♦ 10 4 2	♦ 5
♣ J 7 6 4	♣ K Q 3

♠ A 5	♦ K Q 9 6 2
♥ Q 10 9 3	♦ K 8 6 5
♦ 10 4 2	♦ 5
♣ J 7 6 4	♣ K Q 3



 ♠ J 10 8 7 ♠ 4 3
 ♥ A 7 ♥ J 4 2
 ♦ A K 6 3 ♦ Q J 9 8 7
 ♣ A 8 2 ♣ 10 9 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6♠ by North			

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♠.

Deal 4
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 10 5	♦ K Q 8 4
♥ 10 9 8 3	♦ A J 6
♦ A 10 8 2	♦ J 3
♣ 10 5 2	♣ Q J 8 3

14	♠ A J 9 7 2
4 2	♥ K Q 5
20	♦ K 5
	♣ A K 6

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

W	N	E	S
♦ 7 4 2	♠ 6 3	♦ Q 9 7 6 4	♣ 9 7 4

Your partnership plays Jacoby 2 NT convention, so partner's 2 NT shows a game-forcing raise in ♠s. Your 3 NT 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 4 NT]

What you need to know now about partner's hand is Key-Cards so you bid 4 NT. 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 5

South Deals	♠ K J 7
None Vul	♥ 6
	♦ A Q 10 8 7 5
	♣ A 10 6

♠ 10 9 8 5 3	♠ 6 4 2
♥ K J 8	♥ A Q 9 5 3 2
♦ 9 2	♦ 4
♣ 8 5 4	♣ 9 3 2

W	N
S	E

14	♠ A Q
4 6	♥ 10 7 4
16	♦ K J 6 3
	♣ K Q J 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♦	ALL	Pass
6 ♦ by North			

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 3 NT now but you don't have ♥s stopped and don't know if partner does. So with good ♦ support you bid 4 ♦. Partner bids 4 NT. 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 6
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 ♥ 10 7 ♦ 9 8 6 2 ♣ J 9 6 11 3 7 19	♠ A 6 5 2 ♥ Q J 5 2 ♦ K J 3 ♣ 8 2 ♠ J 3 ♥ 3 ♦ A Q 10 7 5 4 ♣ 10 5 4 3 ♠ K 10 8 ♥ A K 9 8 6 4 ♦ — ♣ A K Q 7		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

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 4 NT 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 4 NT]

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 4 NT and he answers 5 ♣. What is your next bid? [BID 6 ♥]

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 7

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 3
♥ Q 9 6 3
♦ K J 9 4
♣ 10 5 2

16
7 6
11

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 9 7 4
♥ 8
♦ A 6 3 2
♣ K Q J

♠ 10
♥ A 5 4 2
♦ Q 10 8 7 5
♣ 7 6 4

♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ K J 10 7

♦ —

♣ A 9 8 3

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

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 5 NT. Partner bids 6 ♠.

Deal 8

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J
♥ A 10 7 6
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9

♠ 9 6 4 3 2
♥ 5 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ A 4 2

20
4 3
13



♠ 7 5
♥ Q J 3
♦ 10 7 5 4 3
♣ 8 7 3

♠ A 10 8
♥ K 9 8 4
♦ K 9
♣ K 10 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass		

5 ♥ by North

Your partner's 2 NT opener is 20-21 points and the 3 ♣ bid is Stayman. Decide what you would say next, then click on BID above. [BID 4 NT]

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 4 NT 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 9

North Deals	♠ A K Q J
None Vul	♥ A J 10 7
	♦ A 5
	♣ K Q 10

♠ 10 9 8 4 2	♠ 6 5 3
♥ 6 4 2	♥ 3
♦ J 2	♦ 10 9 8 6 3
♣ A 5 4	♣ J 7 6 2



24	♠ 7
5 1	♥ K Q 9 8 5
10	♦ K Q 7 4
	♣ 9 8 3

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

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 4 NT. What is your bid? [BID 5 ♣]

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

Deal 10

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 2
♥ Q J 3
♦ J 9 6
♣ J 10 5 3

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5 4
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	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 4
♥ 10 7 2
♦ 10 7 5 2
♣ A 9 7 4

♠ K 10
♥ A K 9 8 4
♦ K Q 8
♣ K Q 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♠ by North			

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

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 4 NT. 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 11

North Deals	♠ A K Q J
None Vul	♥ A Q 10 4 3
	♦ A J 8
	♣ 7

♠ 10 8 3	♠ 9 5
♥ 7 6	♥ 2
♦ 9 5 2	♦ 10 6 3
♣ K 9 8 4 2	♣ A Q J 10 6 5 3

21	♠ 7 6 4 2
3 7	♥ K J 9 8 5
9	♦ K Q 7 4
	♣ —

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

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 4 NT. What is your bid? [BID 6 ♣]

The 4 NT 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 ♥.

Deal 12

North Deals	♠ A 10 9 7
None Vul	♥ K J 10
	♦ Q J 10 3
	♣ K J

♠ Q 8 4 3	♠ J
♥ 8 6	♥ 9 5 3 2
♦ 9 7 4	♦ A 5 2
♣ 9 8 6 5	♣ 10 7 4 3 2



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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass		
5 ♠ by North			

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

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

Deal 13East Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
♥ Q J
♦ J 6 5 3
♣ 10 9 8 7 6 2

♠ A K Q J 3
♥ 10 8 7 5
♦ K
♣ K Q J



♠ 10 8 5 4 2
♥ 4 3 2
♦ 10 8 2
♣ 4 3

♠ 9 7
♥ A K 9 6
♦ A Q 9 7 4
♣ A 5

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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

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 14

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6 3	♥ A K 9 8 6 5
♦ K	
♣ A 3 2	
♠ Q 9 5	♠ J 10 8 4 2
♥ 10 7	♥ 4 2
♦ 6 4 3 2	♦ 9
♣ Q 8 7 5	♣ J 10 9 6 4

18
4 2
16

♠ K 7	
♥ Q J 3	
♦ A Q J 10 8 7 5	
♣ K	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
7 NT by South			

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 4 NT]

Slam in ♥s is almost certain, but you should check for Key-Cards. You bid 4 NT and partner says 5 ♣. What do you bid next? [BID 5 NT]

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 5 NT. Partner replies 6 ♦. What do you bid? [BID 7 NT]

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

Deal 15
North Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q J
♥ 5 4 2
♦ 9 6 5 2
♣ 5 4 2

15
7 7
11

♠ 10 8 6
♥ K Q J 8 3
♦ 10
♣ A K Q 6

♠ K 9 7 5 4 3 2
♥ 7
♦ A 8 3
♣ 9 7

♠ —
♥ A 10 9 6
♦ K Q J 7 4
♣ J 10 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by North

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.

Deal 16
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 2 ♠ A 10 8 4 3
♥ 9 7 6 ♥ Q 10 8 4
♦ — ♦ —
♣ K J 10 2 ♣ K J 10 2

♠ 2 ♠ 7
♥ 9 7 6 ♥ J 5 3 2
♦ K 10 9 6 4 ♦ A Q J 3 2
♣ Q 9 6 3 ♣ 8 7 4

10 ♠ K Q J 9 6 5
5 8 ♥ A K
17 ♦ 8 7 5
♣ A 5

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

7 ♠ by South

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 4 NT]

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 4 NT, partner replies 6 ♦. What next? [BID 7 ♠]

that small ♣. You 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

Deal 17

North Deals	♠ A Q 5
None Vul	♥ 4
	♦ A K 10 8 6 3
	♣ A K Q

♠ J 6 3	♠ 10 9 4 2
♥ Q J 5 3 2	♥ K 9 8 7
♦ J 5	♦ 2
♣ 6 5 3	♣ 9 7 4 2
	♠ K 8 7
	♥ A 10 6
22 5 3 10	♦ Q 9 7 4
	♣ J 10 8

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

7 NT by South

Your 2 NT 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 4 NT. 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 ♦ Q, ♥ A and ♠ K he was able to bid 7 NT.

Deal 18

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 7 5 2**♥ 5 4****♦ A 9 6****♣ 9 5 3****6
7 5
22****♠ —****♥ K Q 10 8 6 3 2****♦ 5 3****♣ J 10 8 2****♠ A J 10 6 4 3****♥ —****♦ 10 8 7 4 2****♣ 7 4****♠ Q 8
♥ A J 9 7
♦ K Q J
♣ A K Q 6**

West North East South

Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 ♥	ALL	Pass

6 ♥ by North

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 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? [BID 4 NT]

Partner promises first round ♠ control so NOW you can bid RCKB. When you bid 4 NT 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 19

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ J 10 9 3
♦ 9 7 6 5
♣ Q 10 9 8

21
3 6
10

W	N	E	S
♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3	♠ 9	♥ Q 4 2	♦ Q J 10 2
			♣ J 7 5 3 2

♠ K 10 7 2
♥ A K 8 6 5
♦ 8 3
♣ 6 4

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

7 NT by North

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 4 NT. 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 5 NT. 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 7 NT.

Deal 20
 East Deals
 None Vul
 ♠ 10
 ♥ J 9 4 3
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ A Q 7 6 3

11
 7 4
18

♠ Q J 7 3
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ 10 8 6 4
 ♣ K J 5

♠ 8 2
 ♥ 10 7 5 2
 ♦ A 9
 ♣ 10 9 8 4 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	6 ♠
6 ♠ by South			

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 4 NT. 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 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 ♠.