

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

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♠ 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

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

6♥ by South

Baker Roman 13

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

There has been no agreement on trumps, so you assume that South 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

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	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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 9 5 4 3 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 6 2

♣ 2

♠ -

♥ A T 9 6

♦ K Q J 7 4

♣ J T 8 3

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

6♥ by South

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

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

♠ 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

South Deals

N-S 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

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♠ 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 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.