

**Deal 1**

West Deals

None Vul

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

17  
 8 5  
 10

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

♠ 2  
 ♥ 9 7 6  
 ♦ K 10 9 6 4  
 ♣ Q 9 6 3

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
7♠ by North			

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 4 NT, 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♠.

**Deal 2**

West Deals	♠ 10 9 4 2
None Vul	♥ K 9 8 7
	♦ 2
	♣ 9 7 4 2

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

3	♠ J 6 3
22 10	♥ Q J 5 3 2
5	♦ J 5
	♣ 6 5 3

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

Your 2 NT 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 4 NT. 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 7 NT.

**Deal 3**

West Deals	♠ Q 8
None Vul	♥ AJ 9 7
	♦ K Q J
	♣ A K Q 6

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ —  
22  
5 7      ♠ K Q 10 8 6 3 2  
6      ♦ 5 3  
♣ J 10 8 2

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

6 ♥ by South

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 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 4**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul  
 ♠ J 7 5 3 2

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3	N	♠ K 10 7 2
♥ 7	W E	♥ A K 8 6 5
♦ A K 4	S	♦ 8 3
♣ A K		♣ 6 4
		♠ 6
		♥ J 10 9 3
21 10		♦ 9 7 6 5
3		♣ Q 10 9 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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 West			

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 4 NT. 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 5 NT. 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 7 NT.

**Deal 5**West Deals  
None Vul

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

**18**  
 4 7  
**11**

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

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

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 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?

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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 ♠.

**Deal 6**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 9 6 5

♥ A K

♦ 8 7 5

♣ A 5

♠ 7

♥ J 5 3 2

♦ A Q J 3 2

♣ 8 7 4



♠ 2

♥ 9 7 6

♦ K 10 9 6 4

♣ Q 9 6 3

17

8 5

10

♠ A 10 8 4 3

♥ Q 10 8 4

♦ —

♣ K J 10 2

**Deal 7**      ♠ 10 9 4 2

South Deals      ♥ K 9 8 7

Both Vul      ♦ 2

♣ 9 7 4 2

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K 10 8 6 3

♣ A K Q

N  
W     E  
S

♠ K 8 7

♥ A 10 6

♦ Q 9 7 4

♣ J 10 8

♠ J 6 3

3  
22    10

5

♣ 6 5 3

♦ J 5

♥ Q J 5 3 2

**Deal 8**

West Deals	♠ Q 8
None Vul	♥ A J 9 7
	♦ K Q J
	♣ A K Q 6
♠ A J 10 6 4 3	♠ K 9 7 5 2
♥ —	♥ 5 4
♦ 10 8 7 4 2	♦ A 9 6
♣ 7 4	♣ 9 5 3
<b>22</b> 5 7	♠ —
6	♥ K Q 10 8 6 3 2
	♦ 5 3
	♣ J 10 8 2

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 9**

North Deals      ♠ 9  
E-W Vul      ♥ Q 4 2  
                 ♦ Q J 10 2  
                 ♣ J 7 5 3 2

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3      ♠ K 10 7 2  
♥ 7      N      ♥ A K 8 6 5  
♦ A K 4      W      E  
♣ A K      S      ♦ 8 3  
                 ♣ 6 4

      ♠ 6  
      6  
21 10  
3      ♠ J 10 9 3  
         ♦ 9 7 6 5  
         ♣ Q 10 9 8

**Deal 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 9 6 5 4

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q J 2

♣ —

♠ 8 2

♥ 10 7 5 2

♦ A 9

♣ 10 9 8 4 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10

♥ J 9 4 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ A Q 7 6 3

**18**

4 7

**11**

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ A 8

♦ 10 8 6 4

♣ K J 5

**Deal 11**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 9 6 5

♥ A K

♦ 8 7 5

♣ A 5

♠ 7

♥ J 5 3 2

♦ A Q J 3 2

♣ 8 7 4



♠ 2

♥ 9 7 6

♦ K 10 9 6 4

♣ Q 9 6 3

♠ A 10 8 4 3

♥ Q 10 8 4

♦ —

♣ K J 10 2

17

8 5

10

**Deal 12**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 9 4 2

♥ K 9 8 7

♦ 2

♣ 9 7 4 2

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K 10 8 6 3

♣ A K Q

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ J 6 3

♥ Q J 5 3 2

♦ J 5

♣ 6 5 3

3  
22 10  
5

**Deal 13**

North Deals	♦ A J 9 7	♠ Q 8
Both Vul	♦ K Q J	♦ —
	♣ A K Q 6	♣ K 9 7 5 2
♠ A J 10 6 4 3	W N E	♥ 5 4
♥ —	S	♦ A 9 6
♦ 10 8 7 4 2		♣ 9 5 3
♣ 7 4		
22		♠ —
5 7		♥ K Q 10 8 6 3 2
6		♦ 5 3
		♣ J 10 8 2

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

6  
21 10  
3

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

**Deal 15**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 9 6 5 4

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q J 2

♣ —

♠ 8 2

♥ 10 7 5 2

♦ A 9

♣ 10 9 8 4 2



♠ 10

♥ J 9 4 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ A Q 7 6 3

**18**

**4**

**11**

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ A 8

♦ 10 8 6 4

♣ K J 5

**Deal 16**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 9 6 5

♥ A K

♦ 8 7 5

♣ A 5

♠ 7

♥ J 5 3 2

♦ A Q J 3 2

♣ 8 7 4



♠ A 10 8 4 3

♥ Q 10 8 4

♦ —

♣ K J 10 2

**Deal 17**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 4 2

♥ K 9 8 7

♦ 2

♣ 9 7 4 2

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K 10 8 6 3

♣ A K Q

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 8 7

♥ A 10 6

♦ Q 9 7 4

♣ J 10 8

♠ J 6 3

3 22 10

♥ Q J 5 3 2

♦ J 5

♣ 6 5 3

**Deal 18**

East Deals	♠ Q 8
N-S Vul	♥ A J 9 7
	♦ K Q J
	♣ A K Q 6
♠ A J 10 6 4 3	♠ K 9 7 5 2
♥ —	♥ 5 4
♦ 10 8 7 4 2	♦ A 9 6
♣ 7 4	♣ 9 5 3
<b>22</b> 5 7	♠ —
6	♥ K Q 10 8 6 3 2
	♦ 5 3
	♣ J 10 8 2

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 19**

South Deals	♠ 9
E-W Vul	♥ Q 4 2
	♦ Q J 10 2
	♣ J 7 5 3 2
♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3	♠ K 10 7 2
♥ 7	♥ A K 8 6 5
♦ A K 4	♦ 8 3
♣ A K	♣ 6 4
	♠ 6
6 21 10 3	♥ J 10 9 3 ♦ 9 7 6 5 ♣ Q 10 9 8

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 20**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 9 6 5 4

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q J 2

♣ —

♠ 8 2

♥ 10 7 5 2

♦ A 9

♣ 10 9 8 4 2



♠ 10

♥ J 9 4 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ A Q 7 6 3

**18**

**4**

**11**

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ A 8

♦ 10 8 6 4

♣ K J 5

**Deal 21**      ♠ K Q J 9 6 5

North Deals      ♥ A K

N-S Vul      ♦ 8 7 5

♣ A 5

♠ 7

♥ J 5 3 2

♦ A Q J 3 2

♣ 8 7 4



♠ 2

♥ 9 7 6

♦ K 10 9 6 4

♣ Q 9 6 3

<sup>17</sup>  
8 5  
10

♠ A 10 8 4 3

♥ Q 10 8 4

♦ —

♣ K J 10 2

**Deal 22**      ♠ 10 9 4 2

East Deals      ♥ K 9 8 7

E-W Vul      ♦ 2

♣ 9 7 4 2

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K 10 8 6 3

♣ A K Q

N  
W     E  
S

♠ K 8 7

♥ A 10 6

♦ Q 9 7 4

♣ J 10 8

♠ J 6 3

3      ♥ Q J 5 3 2

22      10

5

♦ J 5

♣ 6 5 3

**Deal 23**      ♠ Q 8  
South Deals    ♥ A J 9 7  
Both Vul        ♦ K Q J  
                  ♣ A K Q 6

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



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

**Deal 24**

West Deals

None Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

6  
21 10  
3

**Deal 25**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 9 6 5 4

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q J 2

♣ —

♠ 8 2

♥ 10 7 5 2

♦ A 9

♣ 10 9 8 4 2



♠ 10

♥ J 9 4 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ A Q 7 6 3

**18**

**4**

**11**

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ A 8

♦ 10 8 6 4

♣ K J 5

**Deal 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 9 6 5

♥ A K

♦ 8 7 5

♣ A 5

♠ 7

♥ J 5 3 2

♦ A Q J 3 2

♣ 8 7 4

17  
8 5  
10

**Deal 27**      ♠ 10 9 4 2

South Deals      ♥ K 9 8 7

None Vul      ♦ 2

♣ 9 7 4 2

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K 10 8 6 3

♣ A K Q

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 8 7

♥ A 10 6

♦ Q 9 7 4

♣ J 10 8

♠ J 6 3

3  
22 10

5

♣ 6 5 3

♥ Q J 5 3 2

♦ J 5

**Deal 28**

West Deals	♠ Q 8
N-S Vul	♥ A J 9 7
	♦ K Q J
	♣ A K Q 6
♠ A J 10 6 4 3	♠ K 9 7 5 2
♥ —	♥ 5 4
♦ 10 8 7 4 2	♦ A 9 6
♣ 7 4	♣ 9 5 3
<b>22</b> 5 7	♠ —
6	♥ K Q 10 8 6 3 2
	♦ 5 3
	♣ J 10 8 2

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 29**

North Deals	♠ 9
Both Vul	♥ Q 4 2
	♦ Q J 10 2
	♣ J 7 5 3 2
♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3	♠ K 10 7 2
♥ 7	♥ A K 8 6 5
♦ A K 4	♦ 8 3
♣ A K	♣ 6 4
	♠ 6
6 21 10 3	♥ J 10 9 3 ♦ 9 7 6 5 ♣ Q 10 9 8

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 30**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 6 5 4

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q J 2

♣ —

♠ 8 2

♥ 10 7 5 2

♦ A 9

♣ 10 9 8 4 2



♠ 10

♥ J 9 4 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ A Q 7 6 3

**18**

**4**

**11**

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ A 8

♦ 10 8 6 4

♣ K J 5

**Deal 31**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 9 6 5

♥ A K

♦ 8 7 5

♣ A 5

♠ 7

♥ J 5 3 2

♦ A Q J 3 2

♣ 8 7 4



♠ 2

♥ 9 7 6

♦ K 10 9 6 4

♣ Q 9 6 3

♠ A 10 8 4 3

♥ Q 10 8 4

♦ —

♣ K J 10 2

17

8 5

10

**Deal 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10 9 4 2

♥ K 9 8 7

♦ 2

♣ 9 7 4 2

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K 10 8 6 3

♣ A K Q

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ J 6 3

♥ Q J 5 3 2

♦ J 5

♣ 6 5 3

3  
22 10  
5

**Deal 33**

	♠ Q 8
North Deals	♥ A J 9 7
None Vul	♦ K Q J
	♣ A K Q 6
♠ A J 10 6 4 3	♠ K 9 7 5 2
♥ —	♥ 5 4
♦ 10 8 7 4 2	♦ A 9 6
♣ 7 4	♣ 9 5 3
	♠ —
22 5 7	♥ K Q 10 8 6 3 2
6	♦ 5 3
	♣ J 10 8 2

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 34**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

6  
21 10  
3

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

**Deal 35**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 9 6 5 4

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q J 2

♣ —

♠ 8 2

♥ 10 7 5 2

♦ A 9

♣ 10 9 8 4 2



♠ 10

♥ J 9 4 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ A Q 7 6 3

**18**

**4**

**11**

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ A 8

♦ 10 8 6 4

♣ K J 5