

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

**21**  
**3 6**  
**10**

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	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 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 2**  
North Deals  
None Vul

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

11 18  
4  
7

N  
W E  
S

♠ 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  
♣ —

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

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

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 3**

South Deals

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

E-W Vul

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

W N E S

♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

**21**  
**3 6**  
**10**♠ K 10 7 2  
♥ A K 8 6 5  
♦ 8 3  
♣ 6 4

**Deal 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 10  
4  
11 18  
7  
♦ J 9 4 3  
7 5 3  
♣ A Q 7 6 3

**Deal 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

W N E S

♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

21  
3 6  
10♠ K 10 7 2  
♥ A K 8 6 5  
♦ 8 3  
♣ 6 4

**Deal 6**East Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ 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

	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

11    4  
    18  
    7

**Deal 7**      ♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

South Deals      ♥ 7

Both Vul      ♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

N  
W    E  
S

♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

**21**  
**3 6**  
**10**

♠ K 10 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

**Deal 8**

West Deals

None Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 10  
4  
11 18  
7  
♦ J 9 4 3  
7 5 3  
♣ A Q 7 6 3

**Deal 9**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

W N E S

♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

21  
3 6  
10

♠ K 10 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

**Deal 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 10  
4  
11 18  
7  
♦ J 9 4 3  
7 5 3  
♣ A Q 7 6 3

**Deal 11**

South Deals ♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

None Vul ♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

W N E S

♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

21  
3 6  
10♠ K 10 7 2  
♥ A K 8 6 5  
♦ 8 3  
♣ 6 4

**Deal 12**

West Deals

N-S Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 10  
4  
11 18  
7  
♦ J 9 4 3  
7 5 3  
♣ A Q 7 6 3

**Deal 13**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

W N E S

♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

21  
3 6  
10♠ K 10 7 2  
♥ A K 8 6 5  
♦ 8 3  
♣ 6 4

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 2

♥ 10 7 5 2

♦ A 9

♣ 10 9 8 4 2

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ A 8

♦ 10 8 6 4

♣ K J 5

N  
W E  
S

♠ A K 9 6 5 4

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q J 2

♣ —

♠ 10

11 4 18

7

♥ J 9 4 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ A Q 7 6 3

**Deal 15**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

**21**  
**3 6**  
**10**

♠ K 10 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

**Deal 16**

West Deals

E-W Vul

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

4  
11 18  
7

**Deal 17**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

W N E S

♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

**21**  
3 6  
10♠ K 10 7 2  
♥ A K 8 6 5  
♦ 8 3  
♣ 6 4

**Deal 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 10  
4  
11 18  
7  
♦ J 9 4 3  
7 5 3  
♣ A Q 7 6 3

**Deal 19**      ♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

South Deals

♥ 7

E-W Vul

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

N  
W   E  
S

♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

**21**  
**3 6**  
**10**

♠ K 10 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

**Deal 20**

West Deals  
Both Vul  
  
♠ 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  
  
N  
W E  
S  
♣ —  
  
♠ 10  
♥ J 9 4 3  
♦ 7 5 3  
♣ A Q 7 6 3

11 4  
7 18

**Deal 21**

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

North Deals ♥ 7

N-S Vul ♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

W N E S

♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

21  
3 6  
10♠ K 10 7 2  
♥ A K 8 6 5  
♦ 8 3  
♣ 6 4

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 2  
♥ 10 7 5 2  
♦ A 9  
♣ 10 9 8 4 2♠ Q J 7 3  
♥ A 8  
♦ 10 8 6 4  
♣ K J 5N  
W E  
S♠ A K 9 6 5 4  
♥ K Q 6  
♦ K Q J 2  
♣ —♠ 10  
4  
11 18  
7  
♦ J 9 4 3  
7 5 3  
♣ A Q 7 6 3

**Deal 23**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

**21**  
**3 6**  
**10**

♠ K 10 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

**Deal 24**

West Deals

None Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 10  
4  
11 18  
7  
♦ J 9 4 3  
7 5 3  
♣ A Q 7 6 3

**Deal 25**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

**21**  
3 6  
10

♠ K 10 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

**Deal 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 10  
4  
11 18  
7  
♦ J 9 4 3  
7 5 3  
♣ A Q 7 6 3

**Deal 27**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8



♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

**21**  
**3 6**  
**10**

♠ K 10 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

**Deal 28**

West Deals

N-S Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 10  
4  
11 18  
7  
♦ J 9 4 3  
7 5 3  
♣ A Q 7 6 3

**Deal 29**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

  
♠ 9  
♥ Q 4 2  
♦ Q J 10 2  
♣ J 7 5 3 2**21**  
**3 6**  
**10**♠ K 10 7 2  
♥ A K 8 6 5  
♦ 8 3  
♣ 6 4

**Deal 30**

East Deals

None Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 10  
4  
11 18  
7  
♦ J 9 4 3  
7 5 3  
♣ A Q 7 6 3

**Deal 31** ♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

South Deals ♥ 7

N-S Vul ♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

N  
W E  
S

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

**21**  
**3 6**  
**10**

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

**Deal 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 10  
4  
11 18  
7  
♦ J 9 4 3  
7 5 3  
♣ A Q 7 6 3

**Deal 33**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8

W N E S

♠ 9

♥ Q 4 2

♦ Q J 10 2

♣ J 7 5 3 2

21  
3 6  
10

♠ K 10 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

**Deal 34**

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 10  
4  
11 18  
7  
♦ J 9 4 3  
7 5 3  
♣ A Q 7 6 3

**Deal 35** ♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

South Deals

♥ 7

E-W Vul

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ 6

♥ J 10 9 3

♦ 9 7 6 5

♣ Q 10 9 8



**21**  
3 6  
10

**Deal 36**

West Deals

Both Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ 10  
4  
11 18  
7  
♦ J 9 4 3  
7 5 3  
♣ A Q 7 6 3