

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7

♥ 6

♦ A Q 10 8 7 5

♣ A 10 6

♠ 10 9 8 5 3

♥ K J 8

♦ 9 2

♣ 8 5 4



♠ A Q

♥ 10 7 4

♦ K J 6 3

♣ K Q J 7

14

4 6

16

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

6 ♦ by North

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?

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

**Deal 2**  
East Deals  
None Vul

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

11 7  
3 19

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

♠ 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

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

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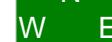
Your partner's 3 ♥ is a limit-raise, 11-12 points with ♥ support. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

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?

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?

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 3**      ♠ K 8 6 5 2  
 South Deals      ♥ K J 10 7  
 None Vul      ♦ —  
                 ♣ A 9 8 3

<p>♠ 10</p> <p>♥ A 5 4 2</p> <p>♦ Q 10 8 7 5</p> <p>♣ 7 6 4</p> <p> </p> <p>11</p> <p>6 7</p> <p>16</p>	 <p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ J 3</p> <p>♥ Q 9 6 3</p> <p>♦ K J 9 4</p> <p>♣ 10 5 2</p> <p> </p> <p>♠ A Q 9 7 4</p> <p>♥ 8</p> <p>♦ A 6 3 2</p>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	4♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6♠ by South			

6 ♠ by South

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.

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 4**West Deals  
None Vul

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

3  
**20** 13  
 4

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

	N
W	E
S	

<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 West			

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

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?

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 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 7

♥ 6

♦ A Q 10 8 7 5

♣ A 10 6

♠ 10 9 8 5 3

♥ K J 8

♦ 9 2

♣ 8 5 4

N  
W S E

♠ 6 4 2

♥ A Q 9 5 3 2

♦ 4

♣ 9 3 2

♠ A Q

♥ 10 7 4

♦ K J 6 3

♣ K Q J 7

**14**  
**4 6**  
**16**

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

♠ J 3

♥ 3

♦ A Q 10 7 5 4

♣ 10 5 4 3

♠ A 6 5 2  
♥ Q J 5 2  
♦ K J 3  
♣ 8 211 7  
3 19N  
W E  
S♠ K 10 8  
♥ A K 9 8 6 4  
♦ —  
♣ A K Q 7♠ Q 9 7 4  
♥ 10 7  
♦ 9 8 6 2  
♣ J 9 6

**Deal 7**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ K J 10 7

♦ —

♣ A 9 8 3

♠ 10

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 8 7 5

♣ 7 6 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 3

♥ Q 9 6 3

♦ K J 9 4

♣ 10 5 2

♠ A Q 9 7 4

♥ 8

♦ A 6 3 2

♣ K Q J

**11**

**6**

**16**

**Deal 8**

West Deals

None Vul

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

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

3  
**20**    **13**  
4

N  
W     E  
S

♠ A 10 8  
♥ K 9 8 4  
♦ K 9  
♣ K 10 6 5

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

**Deal 9**

North Deals

♠ K J 7

♥ 6

E-W Vul

♦ A Q 10 8 7 5

♣ A 10 6

♠ 10 9 8 5 3

♥ K J 8

♦ 9 2

♣ 8 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 6 4 2

♥ A Q 9 5 3 2

♦ 4

♣ 9 3 2

♠ A Q

♥ 10 7 4

♦ K J 6 3

♣ K Q J 7

**14**  
**4 6**  
**16**

**Deal 10**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 3

♥ 3

♦ A Q 10 7 5 4

♣ 10 5 4 3

♠ A 6 5 2

♥ Q J 5 2

♦ K J 3

♣ 8 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 10 8

♥ A K 9 8 6 4

♦ —

♣ A K Q 7

♠ Q 9 7 4

11 7

3

♥ 10 7

♦ 9 8 6 2

♣ J 9 6

**Deal 11**      ♠ K 8 6 5 2

South Deals      ♥ K J 10 7

None Vul      ♦ —

♣ A 9 8 3

♠ 10

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 8 7 5

♣ 7 6 4

N  
W   E  
S

♠ J 3

♥ Q 9 6 3

♦ K J 9 4

♣ 10 5 2

♠ A Q 9 7 4

♥ 8

♦ A 6 3 2

♣ K Q J

**11**

**6**

**16**

**Deal 12**

West Deals

N-S Vul

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

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

3  
20 13  
4

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 10 8  
♥ K 9 8 4  
♦ K 9  
♣ K 10 6 5

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

**Deal 13**

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



**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 3

♥ 3

♦ A Q 10 7 5 4

♣ 10 5 4 3

♠ A 6 5 2

♥ Q J 5 2

♦ K J 3

♣ 8 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 10 8

♥ A K 9 8 6 4

♦ —

♣ A K Q 7

♠ Q 9 7 4

11 7  
3 19

♥ 10 7

♦ 9 8 6 2

♣ J 9 6

**Deal 15**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ K J 10 7

♦ —

♣ A 9 8 3

♠ 10

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 8 7 5

♣ 7 6 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 3

♥ Q 9 6 3

♦ K J 9 4

♣ 10 5 2

♠ A Q 9 7 4

♥ 8

♦ A 6 3 2

♣ K Q J

**11**

**16**

**7**

**Deal 16**

West Deals

E-W Vul

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

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

3  
20 13  
4

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 10 8  
♥ K 9 8 4  
♦ K 9  
♣ K 10 6 5

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

**Deal 17**      ♠ K J 7  
North Deals      ♥ 6  
None Vul      ♦ 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

N  
W E  
S

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

**14**  
**4 6**  
**16**

**Deal 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 3

♥ 3

♦ A Q 10 7 5 4

♣ 10 5 4 3

♠ A 6 5 2

♥ Q J 5 2

♦ K J 3

♣ 8 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 10 8

♥ A K 9 8 6 4

♦ —

♣ A K Q 7

♠ Q 9 7 4

♥ 10 7

♦ 9 8 6 2

♣ J 9 6

11 7  
3 19

**Deal 19**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ K J 10 7

♦ —

♣ A 9 8 3

♠ 10

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 8 7 5

♣ 7 6 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 3

♥ Q 9 6 3

♦ K J 9 4

♣ 10 5 2

♠ A Q 9 7 4

♥ 8

♦ A 6 3 2

♣ K Q J

**11**

**6**

**16**

**Deal 20**

West Deals

Both Vul

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

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

3  
**20** 13  
4

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 10 8  
♥ K 9 8 4  
♦ K 9  
♣ K 10 6 5

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

**Deal 21**

North Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ K J 7

♥ 6

♦ A Q 10 8 7 5

♣ A 10 6

♠ 10 9 8 5 3

♥ K J 8

♦ 9 2

♣ 8 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 6 4 2

♥ A Q 9 5 3 2

♦ 4

♣ 9 3 2

♠ A Q

♥ 10 7 4

♦ K J 6 3

♣ K Q J 7

**14**  
**4 6**  
**16**

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

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

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

7  
**11**   **19**  
3

N  
W   E  
S

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

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

**Deal 23**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ K J 10 7

♦ —

♣ A 9 8 3

♠ 10

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 8 7 5

♣ 7 6 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 3

♥ Q 9 6 3

♦ K J 9 4

♣ 10 5 2

♠ A Q 9 7 4

♥ 8

♦ A 6 3 2

♣ K Q J

**11**

**6**

**16**

**Deal 24**

West Deals

None Vul

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

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

3  
**20**    **13**  
4

N  
W   E  
S

♠ A 10 8  
♥ K 9 8 4  
♦ K 9  
♣ K 10 6 5

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

**Deal 25**

North Deals	♠ K J 7
E-W 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
	♠ A Q
14 4 6 16	♥ 10 7 4
	♦ K J 6 3
	♣ K Q J 7



**Deal 26**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 3

♥ 3

♦ A Q 10 7 5 4

♣ 10 5 4 3

♠ A 6 5 2

♥ Q J 5 2

♦ K J 3

♣ 8 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 10 8

♥ A K 9 8 6 4

♦ —

♣ A K Q 7

♠ Q 9 7 4

7  
**11 19**  
3

♥ 10 7

♦ 9 8 6 2

♣ J 9 6

**Deal 27**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ K J 10 7

♦ —

♣ A 9 8 3

♠ 10

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 8 7 5

♣ 7 6 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 3

♥ Q 9 6 3

♦ K J 9 4

♣ 10 5 2

♠ A Q 9 7 4

♥ 8

♦ A 6 3 2

♣ K Q J

**11**  
**6** 7  
**16**

**Deal 28**

West Deals

N-S Vul

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

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

3  
**20**    13  
4

N  
W     E  
S

♠ A 10 8  
♥ K 9 8 4  
♦ K 9  
♣ K 10 6 5

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

**Deal 29**

North Deals  
Both Vul

♠ K J 7

♥ 6

♦ A Q 10 8 7 5

♣ A 10 6

♠ 10 9 8 5 3

♥ K J 8

♦ 9 2

♣ 8 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 6 4 2

♥ A Q 9 5 3 2

♦ 4

♣ 9 3 2

♠ A Q

♥ 10 7 4

♦ K J 6 3

♣ K Q J 7

**14**  
**4 6**  
**16**

**Deal 30**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 3

♥ 3

♦ A Q 10 7 5 4

♣ 10 5 4 3

♠ A 6 5 2

♥ Q J 5 2

♦ K J 3

♣ 8 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 10 8

♥ A K 9 8 6 4

♦ —

♣ A K Q 7

♠ Q 9 7 4

11 7  
3 19

♥ 10 7

♦ 9 8 6 2

♣ J 9 6

**Deal 31**      ♠ K 8 6 5 2

South Deals      ♥ K J 10 7

N-S Vul      ♦ —

♣ A 9 8 3

♠ 10

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 8 7 5

♣ 7 6 4

W N E  
S

♠ J 3

♥ Q 9 6 3

♦ K J 9 4

♣ 10 5 2

♠ A Q 9 7 4

♥ 8

♦ A 6 3 2

♣ K Q J

**11**  
**6** 7  
**16**

**Deal 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

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

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

3  
**20** 13  
4

N  
W E  
S

♠ A 10 8  
♥ K 9 8 4  
♦ K 9  
♣ K 10 6 5

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

**Deal 33**      ♠ K J 7  
North Deals      ♥ 6  
None Vul      ♦ 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

N  
W E  
S

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

**14**  
**4 6**  
**16**

**Deal 34**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 3

♥ 3

♦ A Q 10 7 5 4

♣ 10 5 4 3

♠ A 6 5 2

♥ Q J 5 2

♦ K J 3

♣ 8 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 10 8

♥ A K 9 8 6 4

♦ —

♣ A K Q 7

♠ Q 9 7 4

11 7

3

♥ 10 7

♦ 9 8 6 2

♣ J 9 6

**Deal 35**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ K J 10 7

♦ —

♣ A 9 8 3

♠ 10

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 8 7 5

♣ 7 6 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 3

♥ Q 9 6 3

♦ K J 9 4

♣ 10 5 2

♠ A Q 9 7 4

♥ 8

♦ A 6 3 2

♣ K Q J

**11**

**6**

**16**

**Deal 36**West Deals  
Both Vul

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

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

3  
**20**    **13**  
4

N  
W     E  
S

♠ A 10 8  
♥ K 9 8 4  
♦ K 9  
♣ K 10 6 5

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