

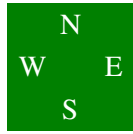
Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9
♥ 3
♦ Q 9 7 6 4 2
♣ 9 6 3

♠ K T 8
♥ A K 9 8 6 4
♦ -
♣ A K Q 7



♠ 7 4 3
♥ T 7
♦ A T 8 5
♣ J T 5 4

♠ A 6 5 2
♥ Q J 5 2
♦ K J 3
♣ 8 2

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

6 ♥ by North

Baker Roman 6

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 4NT 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 4NT 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 ♥.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ -
 ♥ A 5 4 3 2
 ♦ Q J T 4
 ♣ T 5 4 2

♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ K J T 7

♦ -

♣ A 9 8 3



♠ J T 3

♥ Q 9 6

♦ K 9 8 7 5

♣ 7 6

♠ A Q 9 7 4

♥ 8

♦ A 6 3 2

♣ K Q J

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

6 ♠ by South

Baker Roman 7

Your 4♦ bid is a Splinter Bid, showing opening hand strength, at least 4 ♠s, and a singleton or void in ♦s. Partner bids 4NT.

You have 2 Key-Cards, the ♠K and the ♣A. So do you bid 5♥?

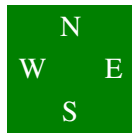
No. You have two Key-Cards AND a void. So you bid 5NT. Partner bids 6♠.

Board 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4 3
♥ Q J 5 3
♦ 7 3 2
♣ 8 3

♠ K Q J
♥ A T 7 6
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9



♠ 6 5 2
♥ 2
♦ T 8 6 5 4
♣ A 7 4 2

♠ A T 8
♥ K 9 8 4
♦ K 9
♣ K T 6 5

West	North	East	South
	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

5♥ by North

Baker Roman 8

Your partner's 2NT 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 4NT 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♥.

Board 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8 6
♥ 6 4 2
♦ J T 3
♣ A 6 5 4

♠ A K Q J

♥ A J T 7

♦ A 5

♣ K Q T

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♠ 9 5 4 3 2

♥ 3

♦ 9 8 6 2

♣ J 7 2

♠ 7

♥ K Q 9 8 5

♦ K Q 7 4

♣ 9 8 3

West

North

East

South

2♣

Pass

2♥

Pass

4NT

Pass

5♣

Pass

6♥

All Pass

6♥ by North

Baker Roman 9

With 11 points and a good suit you should make a positive response. So you bid 2♥. Partner then says 4NT. What is your bid?

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

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 4
 ♥ Q T 2
 ♦ 9 7 2
 ♣ J T 9 5

♠ A Q J 7 5 3

♥ 6 5

♦ A 4 3

♣ 8 2



♠ 9 2

♥ J 7 3

♦ J T 6 5

♣ A 7 4 3

♠ K T

♥ A K 9 8 4

♦ K Q 8

♣ K Q 6

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
All Pass			

6 ♠ by South

Baker Roman 10

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

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 4NT. Partner answers 5 ♠ and it is your bid again.

Partner has two Aces and the ♠Q. That should be all he needs to make slam so you bid 6 ♠.