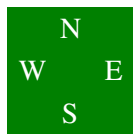


Board 1
West Deals
None Vul

♠ 2
♥ J 9 7 2
♦ K J 4 3
♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ K Q J 9 6 5
♥ A K
♦ 8 7 5
♣ A 5



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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass | 4 ♦ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 6 ♦ |
| Pass | 7 ♠ | All Pass | |

7 ♠ by North

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 2

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K T 8 6 3

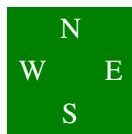
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♠ T 4 2

♥ K Q J 9 5 3

♦ 5

♣ 9 6 2



♠ K 8 7

♥ A T 6

♦ Q 9 7 4

♣ J T 8

♠ J 9 6 3

♥ 8 7 2

♦ J 2

♣ 7 5 4 3

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 2♣ | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 4♦ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♣ | Pass |
| 5♥ | Pass | 5♠ | Pass |
| 7NT | Pass | | |

7NT by West

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 3

West Deals

E-W Vul

| | | |
|-----------------|--|-----------|
| ♠ K J T 9 7 4 3 | | ♠ A 6 5 2 |
| ♥ - | | ♥ 5 4 |
| ♦ T 8 4 2 | | ♦ A 9 7 6 |
| ♣ 7 5 | | ♣ 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 RKCB 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.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ -

♥ J 3 2

♦ Q J 7 5 2

♣ T 8 7 5 2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ K T 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

♠ 9 6

♥ Q T 9 4

♦ T 9 6

♣ Q J 9 3

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 2♣ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♥ | Pass |
| 5NT | Pass | 6♦ | Pass |
| 7NT | Pass | | |

7NT by West

Baker Roman 19

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 4NT. 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 5NT. 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 7NT.

Board 5
West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ T 2
♥ J 5 3
♦ 7 3
♣ A Q T 4 3 2

♠ A K 9 6 5 4
♥ K Q 6
♦ K Q J 2
♣ -



♠ 8
♥ T 9 7 4 2
♦ A 9 5
♣ 9 8 7 6

♠ Q J 7 3
♥ A 8
♦ T 8 6 4
♣ K J 5

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass | 3 ♠ |
| Pass | 4 ♣ | Pass | 4 ♥ |
| Pass | 6 ♠ | All Pass | |

6 ♠ by North

Baker Roman 20
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 4NT. 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 ♠.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 2
♥ J 9 7 2
♦ K J 4 3
♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ K Q J 9 6 5
♥ A K
♦ 8 7 5
♣ A 5

N
W E
S

♠ 7
♥ 6 5 3
♦ A Q T 9 6 2
♣ Q 8 3

♠ A T 8 4 3
♥ Q T 8 4
♦ -
♣ K J T 2

Board 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K T 8 6 3

♣ A K Q

♠ 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

♠ J 9 6 3

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♣ 7 5 4 3

Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J T 9 7 4 3

♥ -

♦ T 8 4 2

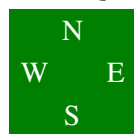
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♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 7

♦ K Q J

♣ A K Q 6



♠ A 6 5 2

♥ 5 4

♦ A 9 7 6

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♠ -

♥ K Q T 8 6 3 2

♦ 5 3

♣ J T 8 2

Board 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ -

♥ J 3 2

♦ Q J 7 5 2

♣ T 8 7 5 2



♠ K T 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

♠ 9 6

♥ Q T 9 4

♦ T 9 6

♣ Q J 9 3

Board 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 2
♥ J 5 3
♦ 7 3
♣ A Q T 4 3 2

♠ A K 9 6 5 4
♥ K Q 6
♦ K Q J 2
♣ -



♠ 8
♥ T 9 7 4 2
♦ A 9 5
♣ 9 8 7 6

♠ Q J 7 3
♥ A 8
♦ T 8 6 4
♣ K J 5

Board 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2

♥ J 9 7 2

♦ K J 4 3

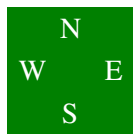
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♠ K Q J 9 6 5

♥ A K

♦ 8 7 5

♣ A 5



♠ 7

♥ 6 5 3

♦ A Q T 9 6 2

♣ Q 8 3

♠ A T 8 4 3

♥ Q T 8 4

♦ -

♣ K J T 2

Board 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q 5
♥ 4
♦ A K T 8 6 3
♣ A K Q

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

Board 13

North Deals

Both 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

Board 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ -

♥ J 3 2

♦ Q J 7 5 2

♣ T 8 7 5 2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ K T 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

♠ 9 6

♥ Q T 9 4

♦ T 9 6

♣ Q J 9 3

Board 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

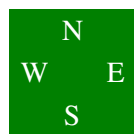
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♦ 7 3
♣ A Q T 4 3 2

♠ A K 9 6 5 4

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q J 2

♣ -



♠ 8
♥ T 9 7 4 2
♦ A 9 5
♣ 9 8 7 6

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ A 8

♦ T 8 6 4

♣ K J 5

Board 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 2

♥ J 9 7 2

♦ K J 4 3

♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ K Q J 9 6 5

♥ A K

♦ 8 7 5

♣ A 5



♠ 7

♥ 6 5 3

♦ A Q T 9 6 2

♣ Q 8 3

♠ A T 8 4 3

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♦ -

♣ K J T 2

Board 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K T 8 6 3

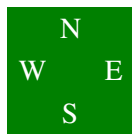
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♥ K Q J 9 5 3

♦ 5

♣ 9 6 2



♠ K 8 7

♥ A T 6

♦ Q 9 7 4

♣ J T 8

♠ J 9 6 3

♥ 8 7 2

♦ J 2

♣ 7 5 4 3

Board 18

East Deals

N-S 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

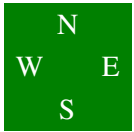
Board 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3
♥ 7
♦ A K 4
♣ A K

♠ -
♥ J 3 2
♦ Q J 7 5 2
♣ T 8 7 5 2



♠ K T 7 2
♥ A K 8 6 5
♦ 8 3
♣ 6 4

♠ 9 6
♥ Q T 9 4
♦ T 9 6
♣ Q J 9 3

Board 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 2

♥ J 5 3

♦ 7 3

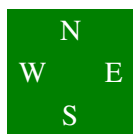
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♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q J 2

♣ -



♠ 8

♥ T 9 7 4 2

♦ A 9 5

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♠ Q J 7 3

♥ A 8

♦ T 8 6 4

♣ K J 5

Board 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

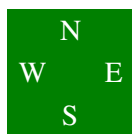
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♣ 9 7 6 4

♠ K Q J 9 6 5

♥ A K

♦ 8 7 5

♣ A 5



♠ 7

♥ 6 5 3

♦ A Q T 9 6 2

♣ Q 8 3

♠ A T 8 4 3

♥ Q T 8 4

♦ -

♣ K J T 2

Board 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K T 8 6 3

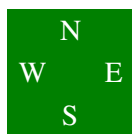
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♦ 5

♣ 9 6 2



♠ K 8 7

♥ A T 6

♦ Q 9 7 4

♣ J T 8

♠ J 9 6 3

♥ 8 7 2

♦ J 2

♣ 7 5 4 3

Board 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J T 9 7 4 3

♥ -

♦ T 8 4 2

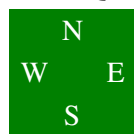
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♥ 5 4

♦ A 9 7 6

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♠ -

♥ K Q T 8 6 3 2

♦ 5 3

♣ J T 8 2

Board 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

♠ -

♥ J 3 2

♦ Q J 7 5 2

♣ T 8 7 5 2



♠ K T 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

♠ 9 6

♥ Q T 9 4

♦ T 9 6

♣ Q J 9 3

Board 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 2
♥ J 5 3
♦ 7 3
♣ A Q T 4 3 2

♠ A K 9 6 5 4
♥ K Q 6
♦ K Q J 2
♣ -



♠ 8
♥ T 9 7 4 2
♦ A 9 5
♣ 9 8 7 6

♠ Q J 7 3
♥ A 8
♦ T 8 6 4
♣ K J 5

Board 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 2

♥ J 9 7 2

♦ K J 4 3

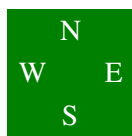
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♥ A K

♦ 8 7 5

♣ A 5



♠ 7

♥ 6 5 3

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♠ A T 8 4 3

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♦ -

♣ K J T 2

Board 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K T 8 6 3

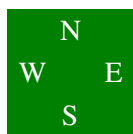
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♦ 5

♣ 9 6 2



♠ K 8 7

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♠ J 9 6 3

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♣ 7 5 4 3

Board 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J T 9 7 4 3

♥ -

♦ T 8 4 2

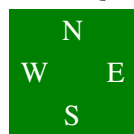
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♠ -

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♣ J T 8 2

Board 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

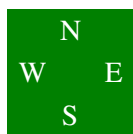
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♠ -

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♣ T 8 7 5 2



♠ K T 7 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ 6 4

♠ 9 6

♥ Q T 9 4

♦ T 9 6

♣ Q J 9 3

Board 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ T 2
♥ J 5 3
♦ 7 3
♣ A Q T 4 3 2

♠ A K 9 6 5 4
♥ K Q 6
♦ K Q J 2
♣ -



♠ 8
♥ T 9 7 4 2
♦ A 9 5
♣ 9 8 7 6

♠ Q J 7 3
♥ A 8
♦ T 8 6 4
♣ K J 5

Board 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

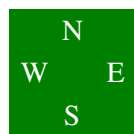
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♣ 9 7 6 4

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♥ A K

♦ 8 7 5

♣ A 5



♠ 7
♥ 6 5 3
♦ A Q T 9 6 2
♣ Q 8 3

♠ A T 8 4 3

♥ Q T 8 4

♦ -

♣ K J T 2

Board 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K T 8 6 3

♣ A K Q

♠ 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

♠ J 9 6 3

♥ 8 7 2

♦ J 2

♣ 7 5 4 3

Board 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J T 9 7 4 3

♥ -

♦ T 8 4 2

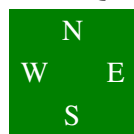
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♠ Q 8

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♦ K Q J

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♥ 5 4

♦ A 9 7 6

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♠ -

♥ K Q T 8 6 3 2

♦ 5 3

♣ J T 8 2

Board 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3
♥ 7
♦ A K 4
♣ A K

♠ -
♥ J 3 2
♦ Q J 7 5 2
♣ T 8 7 5 2

W N E S

♠ K T 7 2
♥ A K 8 6 5
♦ 8 3
♣ 6 4

♠ 9 6
♥ Q T 9 4
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♣ Q J 9 3

Board 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 2

♥ J 5 3

♦ 7 3

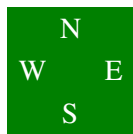
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♠ A K 9 6 5 4

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q J 2

♣ -



♠ 8

♥ T 9 7 4 2

♦ A 9 5

♣ 9 8 7 6

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ A 8

♦ T 8 6 4

♣ K J 5