

**Deal 1**

South Deals	♠ A 6 5 2
None Vul	♥ Q J 5 2
	♦ K J 3
	♣ 8 2

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

<sup>11</sup> <sup>3</sup> <sup>7</sup> <sup>19</sup>	<sup>♠ K 10 8</sup> <sup>♥ A K 9 8 6 4</sup> <sup>♦ —</sup> <sup>♣ A K Q 7</sup>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	6 ♥
	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

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 2**

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

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

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11	♠ A Q 9 7 4
6 7	♥ 8
16	♦ A 6 3 2
	♣ K Q J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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 3**

South Deals	♠ A 10 8
None Vul	♥ K 9 8 4
	♦ K 9
	♣ K 10 6 5
	♠ 7 5
	♥ Q J 3
	♦ 10 7 5 4 3
	♣ 8 7 3



♠ 9 6 4 3 2
♥ 5 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ A 4 2

♠ K Q J
♥ A 10 7 6
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9

<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 South

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 4**

North Deals  
None Vul

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



♠ 7  
24  
5 1  
10  
♦ K Q 9 8 5  
♦ K Q 7 4  
♣ 9 8 3

West      North      East      South  
Pass      4 NT      Pass      5 ♣  
Pass      6 ♥      Pass      Pass  
Pass  
6 ♥ by South

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

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

**Deal 5**South Deals  
None Vul

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

**20**  
**4 5**  
**11**

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

♠ 9 6 2  
 ♥ Q J 3  
 ♦ J 9 6  
 ♣ J 10 5 3

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by South			

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 4 NT. 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 ♠.