

Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6
♥ Q T 9 4
♦ T 9 6
♣ Q J 9 3

♠ A Q J 8 5 4 3

♥ 7

♦ A K 4

♣ A K

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ -

♥ 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

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

7NT by North

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 2

North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ Q J 7 3
♥ A 8
♦ T 8 6 4
♣ K J 5

♠ T 2
♥ J 5 3
♦ 7 3
♣ A Q T 4 3 2

	N		♠ A K 9 6 5 4
W		E	♥ K Q 6
	S		♦ K Q J 2
			♣ -

♠ 8
♥ T 9 7 4 2
♦ A 9 5
♣ 9 8 7 6

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

6♠ by East

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 <u>Silver Blaze</u>, 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♠.