

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 3
♥ K Q 6
♦ 6 3 2
♣ J 10 8 6 3

♠ K Q J 9 6

♥ 4

♦ K Q J 7

♣ A K Q

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W		E	
	S		

♠ 7 5 2
♥ J 10 9 5 2
♦ A 8 4
♣ 9 4

♠ A 8 4
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 10 9 5
♣ 7 5 2

West	North	East	South
	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by North			

2 NT shows a balanced hand with 8+ points, and when SOUTH then supports â™ s

NORTH makes a slam try.

NORTH bids RKC Blackwood 4 NT. SOUTH shows two Keycards (two Aces) and NORTH bids 6â™ .

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ K J
 ♥ Q J 8 5
 ♦ Q 10 9 7
 ♣ Q 4 2

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 11 20
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West
 3 ♥
 5 ♦
 Pass
 5 ♥ by East

♠ 9 8 5 4
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ 6 5 4
 ♣ 9 7 6 3



♠ A Q 7
 ♥ K 10 7 4 2
 ♦ K J 3
 ♣ A K

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

North East South
 Pass 1 ♥ Pass
 Pass 4 NT Pass
 Pass 5 ♥ Pass

WEST has a decent Limit Raise, and EAST tries RKC Blackwood.

WEST replies to the 4 NT bid with 5

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, zero or three Keycards.

So which is it, zero or three?

Pretty simple - since EAST holds three Keycards himself WEST can hardly have three also since there

are only five total. She must have zero and EAST signs off at 5

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Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ J 9 4

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

♠ J
W N E
S ♠ 10 3 2
♦ J 8 5 4
♣ 10 8 7 6 2

♠ A Q 8 6 3 2
♥ 5
♦ K Q 7
♣ K Q 5

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

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NORTH jumps to 6â™, confident that SOUTH could make 10 tricks

even if he just has 6 points.

SOUTH knows he can make more and bids RKCB 4 NT.

NORTH's 5

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response shows zero or three Keycards.

So which is it? Zero or three?

NORTH bid much too strongly to have no Aces. SOUTH

bids a confident 6â™, knowing NORTH has either three Aces or two Aces plus the

Deal 4
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ 6 ♥ A K 9 7 5 4 ♦ 6 ♣ K Q J 10 3 7 13 10	♠ 8 3 2 ♥ J 6 ♦ Q 10 3 2 ♣ A 8 7 6 ♠ A 7 5 ♥ Q 10 8 3 ♦ A 8 5 4 ♣ 9 2 ♠ K Q J 10 9 4 ♥ 2 ♦ K J 9 7 ♣ 5 4
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West North East South

1 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
 4 NT Pass 5 ♠ Pass
 6 ♥ Pass Pass Pass
 6 ♥ by West

With eleven cards in the "round" suits WEST has a lot of playing strength. So when EAST bids

a Limit Raise in

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s WEST wants to know about Aces.

RKCBlackwood tells him that EAST has two Aces plus the trump Queen, so WEST can see that 6

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is practically a certainty.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 5
♥ 9 7 2
♦ A K 5
♣ 10 7 5 2

♠ A K 9 8 4 2
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 8 4
♣ A

N
W E
S

♠ —
♥ 8 4 3
♦ Q J 9 7
♣ Q J 9 8 6 3

♠ Q J 7 3
♥ A J 5
♦ 10 6 3 2
♣ K 4

16
7 6
11

West North East South
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠
Pass 4 ♣ Pass 4 ♥
Pass 4 ♣ Pass Pass
Pass
4 ♠ by North

NORTH has interest in slam after she hears SOUTH's Limit Raise.

BUT, she should not use Blackwood holding two quick losers in the

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suit.

Instead she makes a Control showing bid of 4â™£. (Not Gerber since it didn't follow a NT bid.)

SOUTH cooperates by making a Control bid of 4

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NORTH stops at 4â™ because neither partner controls

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Deal 6
 West Deals
 None Vul

\spadesuit 6 \heartsuit K Q 8 7 2 \diamond A K 9 6 3 \clubsuit K Q	\spadesuit Q 10 9 \heartsuit A 10 9 5 4 \diamond 5 4 \clubsuit 8 7 3	\spadesuit A J 7 \heartsuit J 6 \diamond Q J 10 8 7 \clubsuit A 6 4
$\begin{matrix} 6 \\ 17 \quad 13 \\ 4 \end{matrix}$		$\begin{matrix} \spadesuit \quad K \quad 8 \quad 5 \quad 4 \quad 3 \quad 2 \\ \heartsuit \quad 3 \\ \diamond \quad 2 \\ \clubsuit \quad J \quad 10 \quad 9 \quad 5 \quad 2 \end{matrix}$

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 \heartsuit	Pass	2 \diamond	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 \spadesuit	Pass
6 \diamond	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 \diamond by East			

WEST decides it is unlikely that EAST is Aceless, so all he wants to know is the number of Aces EAST does have.

He invokes RKC Blackwood.

Since no trump suit has been agreed, EAST bids as if

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s, the

last-bid suit prior to 4 NT is agreed. EAST has two Key-cards plus the trump Queen, so she bids $5\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

WEST bids 6

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If EAST had just one Key-card, WEST would bid 5

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over the $5\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ reply.