

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 3
♥ Q 9 5
♦ A 4 3
♣ 8 6 4 3

♠ K Q J 9 6

♥ 4

♦ K Q J 7

♣ A K Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 5 2
♥ K J T 6 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ J T 9

♠ A 8 4
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ T 9 5
♣ 7 5 2

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

6 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 1
2NT shows a balanced hand with 8+ points, and when SOUTH then supports s

NORTH makes a slam try.

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

Board 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 4 2
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ J 9

♠ K J

♥ Q J 8 5
♦ Q T 9 7
♣ Q 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 7
♥ K T 7 4 2
♦ K J 3
♣ A K

♠ T 9 8 5 3
♥ -
♦ A 4
♣ T 8 7 6 5 3

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

5♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 2

NORTH has a decent Limit Raise, and SOUTH tries RKC Blackwood.

NORTH replies to the 4NT bid with 5

, zero or three Keycards.

So which is it, zero or three?

Pretty simple - since SOUTH holds three Keycards himself NORTH can hardly have three also since there

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

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9
♥ T 9 7
♦ J T 9 3 2
♣ J T 9 7

♠ A Q 8 6 3 2

♥ 5

♦ K Q 7

♣ K Q 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 5
♥ A 6 3 2
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 8 6 4 2

♠ K T 7 4
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ A 6
♣ A 3

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

6 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 3

SOUTH jumps to 4 confident that NORTH could make 10 tricks

even if he just has 6 points.

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

SOUTH's 5

response shows zero or three Keycards.

So which is it? Zero or three?

SOUTH bid much too strongly to have no Aces.
NORTH

bids a confident 6 knowing SOUTH has either three Aces or two Aces plus the K.

Board 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 4 3
♥ J 6 2
♦ K 9 3
♣ A 8 5

♠ A 7 5

♥ Q T 8 3
♦ A 8 5 4

♣ 9 2

N
W E
S

♠ K J T 9 2
♥ -
♦ Q J T 7 2
♣ 7 6 4

♠ 6
♥ A K 9 7 5 4
♦ 6
♣ K Q J T 3

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

6♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 4

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

a Limit Raise in

s SOUTH wants to know about Aces.

RKCB Blackwood tells him that NORTH has two Aces plus the trump Queen, so SOUTH can see that 6

is practically a certainty.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T
 ♥ 3
 ♦ A 7 5
 ♣ Q J 9 8 6 5 3 2

♠ A K 9 8 4 2

♥ K Q T 6

♦ 8 4

♣ A

♠ 6 5
 ♥ 9 8 7 4 2
 ♦ K Q J 9
 ♣ T 7

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 7 3
 ♥ A J 5
 ♦ T 6 3 2
 ♣ K 4

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 5

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

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

suit.

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

SOUTH cooperates by making a Control bid of 4

NORTH stops at 4 because neither partner controls

S.

Board 6

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 5 4 2
♥ 4 3
♦ -
♣ T 9 7 5 3 2

♠ 6

♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ A K 9 6 3

♣ K Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 8 3
♥ A T 9 5
♦ 5 4 2
♣ J 8

♠ A J 7
♥ J 6
♦ Q J T 8 7
♣ A 6 4

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

6♦ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 6

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

He invokes RKC Blackwood.

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

s, the

last-bid suit prior to 4NT is agreed. SOUTH has two Key-cards plus the trump Queen, so she bids 5 .

NORTH bids 6

If SOUTH had just one Key-card, NORTH would bid 5

over the 5 reply.