

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

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

13
4 6
17

N
W E
S

♠ A J 10 9 8 2
♥ 5
♦ J 10 8 7 3
♣ 4

♠ 6
♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ K Q
♣ A K 9 6 3

West North East South

Pass 2 ♣ Pass 4 NT
Pass 5 ♣ Pass Pass

Pass
5 ♣ by North

This is the companion to Deal 6. The cards are the same except that the

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s and â™£s have been swapped.

Again, SOUTH has no problem as long as NORTH holds at least one Key-card.

When NORTH responds 5â™£, (showing one Key-card), SOUTH can pass.

That's what happens here.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2**♥ 4****♦ K 6****♣ A K 5****16 3
4 17****♠ —
♥ K 8 7
♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3
♣ 10 8 6 3****♠ A 9 6
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9****♠ 10 4 3
♥ A 9 6 5 2
♦ 5 2
♣ 7 4 2**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 ♠ by East			

WEST needs to know how many Aces EAST holds.

One way to find out would be to bid 3 \hat{a}^{TM} , (which is forcing), then launch Blackwood.

Another way is to bid 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$ (Gerber) right now.

The first way is probably better but we needed a Gerber example.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 5
♥ A K
♦ K 5
♣ A K Q J 4

♠ 9

♥ J 8 6 4 3 2

♦ Q 8 6 4 3

♣ 3

25
3 5
7

N
W E
S

♠ 6 2
♥ 10 9
♦ A J 10 9 7 2
♣ 10 8 5

♠ K Q 8 7 4 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ —

♣ 9 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
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	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
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Pass

	4 NT	Pass	6 ♦
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Pass

	7 ♠	Pass	Pass
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Pass

7 ♠ by South

SOUTH's positive response shows 8+ points and five or more cards headed by at least two honors.

NORTH figures a small slam would be safe, but just to be sure she uses Blackwood.

SOUTH's 6

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reply shows one Key-card which must be the trump King,

and a

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void!

NORTH readjusts her thinking and decides to bid the Grand.

Deal 4

East Deals	♠ 7 4 2
None Vul	♥ —
	♦ J 10 9 8 5 4
	♣ A J 5 3
♠ A 6	♠ K Q 3
♥ A Q 8 7 5 2	W N E
♦ K Q 3	♦ K 10 9 3
♣ 8 7	S
6	♦ A 6
15 17	♣ K Q 9 6
2	♠ J 10 9 8 5
	♥ J 6 4
	♦ 7 2
	♣ 10 4 2

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

WEST jumps in
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s, showing a good suit and slam interest.
EAST has great
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support so bids RKCB 4 NT.

WEST responds 5â™ , showing two Key Cards and the
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Q.

That is enough for EAST to bid the slam.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠	K 10 7 5 3 2
♥	8
♦	K 8 6
♣	A Q 4

♠	—
♥	10 7 6 2
♦	Q J 10 7 4 2
♣	10 8 5

12
3 2
23

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

Pass
7 NT by North



♠ A Q 6 4

♥ A K Q

♦ A 5

♣ K J 6 3

♠	J 9 8
♥	J 9 5 4 3
♦	9 3
♣	9 7 2

When SOUTH agrees to a™ s, NORTH will not stop short of a slam.

The RKCB 4 NT bid tells NORTH that they have all five Key Cards since SOUTH could hardly

have a 2a™£ opening hand with no Aces.

NORTH's 5

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bid is the Queen Ask, and SOUTH's reply confirms that she holds

the a™ Q, and also has the a™£K.

NORTH figures the a™ suit will run, and this should be enough for Grand Slam. He chooses 7 NT.

Deal 6West Deals
None Vul

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

5	2
15	♦ K 10 5 4 2
17	♦ 10 8 6 3
3	♣ 10 8 3

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



EAST knows there are enough points for slam, but she is worried about the trump suit.

WEST's support doesn't guarantee more than three ♠'s, and if they are not headed

by the Queen she could lose a trump trick.

Her RKCB bid relieves her mind when EAST claims two Key Cards PLUS the ♠ Q.

She bids 6♦ (and hopes for a 3-2 trump split!).