

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T	♦ 7 3 2	♥ 7 6 2	♣ A 9 8 7 6 3
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♠ J 9 8 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ A J 4

♣ K Q J

N		
W	E	
S		

♠ Q 7 5 4	
♥ J 8 6	
♦ T 9 3	
♣ T 5 4	

♠ A K 6 3	
♥ K Q T 4	
♦ K Q 8 5	
♣ 2	

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

5 ♠ by South

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This is the companion hand to Deal 18.

Again, SOUTH uses RKCB after the 4-4 fit is discovered.

This time NORTH shows two Key Cards without the Q.

Now SOUTH realizes that in addition to one outside Ace, there is a very possible loser

in trumps. So she stops at 5 .

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 8 6

♥ -

♦ J T 9 4 2

♣ Q T 6 3

♠ 7 3 2

♥ A K Q 8 6 4

♦ 5 3

♣ 8 7



♠ T 9 5

♥ T 7 3 2

♦ Q 8

♣ K J 9 2

♠ A K 4

♥ J 9 5

♦ A K 7 6

♣ A 5 4

West	North	East	South
	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

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The chances of a slam on this hand are very small, and if SOUTH decides to use RKCB it will

just confuse matters when NORTH shows two Key Cards.

SOUTH has a better way to find out about the hand. She bids 2NT asking NORTH to further describe

his hand. NORTH should then bid 3NT, showing a solid suit headed by AKQ.

NORTH cannot have as much as an extra Jack, so SOUTH just passes 3NT.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 7 4
♥ J T 6 3
♦ 9 3
♣ K Q T

♠ A Q J 8 6 2

♥ K Q 7

♦ K Q J

♣ A

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ -
♥ 8 4
♦ A T 7 6 2
♣ J 9 8 7 3 2

♠ K 5 3
♥ A 9 5 2
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 6 5 4

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

6 ♠ by North

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NORTH realizes SOUTH has fewer than 8 points, but the 3 support bid is enough

for her to try a RKCB 4NT bid.

SOUTH shows two Key Cards and NORTH figures they will be the King one of the

red Aces. So she bids 6 If instead the Key Cards are the two red Aces NORTH

might possibly make all thirteen tricks with a finesse.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ J T 9 3
♦ A Q 7 4 3
♣ T 7 6

♠ A 7 2

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 9 8 5

♣ 9 8 4 3



♠ K Q J 5
♥ A K 6 5 2
♦ 6
♣ A K Q

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

6♥ by North

Q but no King so she jumps

to 6

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NORTH's 3

bid is "encouraging" so SOUTH bids 4NT.

When NORTH shows one Key Card, (an Ace), SOUTH is afraid he may have a trump loser as well the

other Ace. To find out about the

Q he

bids 5

, the Queen Ask.

NORTH has the

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 4 3

♥ 3

♦ K J 7 4 2

♣ J T 9 5

♠ K Q J 5

♥ A K 6 5 2

♦ 6

♣ A K Q



♠ T 8 6

♥ Q T

♦ A Q T 9 3

♣ 7 6 2

♠ A 7 2

♥ J 9 8 7 4

♦ 8 5

♣ 8 4 3

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This is the companion to Deal 22.

Again, worried about a possible trump loser in addition to the missing Ace, NORTH

bids 5

, the Queen Ask.

SOUTH definitely does NOT have the

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

6♥ by South

Q. But with five trumps she

does know that NORTH probably does not have a trump loser so she jumps

to 6

anyway.

Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J
♥ T 3
♦ J 9 8 6 5
♣ Q T 7 4 3

♠ A K 9 6 3

♥ A J 7 5

♦ K Q 2

♣ 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T 7 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ A T 4
♣ J 9 2

♠ 8 5
♥ K Q 9 6 4
♦ 7 3
♣ A K 8 5

West	North	East	South	
			1♥	
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣	
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥	
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠	
Pass	6♥	All Pass		

6♥ by North

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NORTH cannot use RKCB at her second bid because trumps have not been agreed. So she bids

3

to set trumps, knowing SOUTH cannot pass after her jump-shift.

SOUTH tries to stop at game but NORTH is too strong so she now uses RKCB and gets

to 6

when SOUTH shows two Key Cards and the trump Queen.