

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 4  
 ♥ Q 4 3  
 ♦ K J T 7 5  
 ♣ T 7 2

♠ K 9 3

♥ A T 6

♦ A 9 8 6 2

♣ K 9

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♠ T 8

♥ J 9 7 5

♦ 4 3

♣ Q J 6 4 3

♠ A Q J 6 5 2

♥ K 8 2

♦ Q

♣ A 8 5

| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
|          | 1NT   | Pass | 3♠    |
| Pass     | 4♠    | Pass | 4NT   |
| Pass     | 5♦    | Pass | 6♠    |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

6♠ by South

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When SOUTH makes a slam try with a jump to 3 ,  
 the best approach for NORTH is to agree on

the trump suit immediately but indicate a minimum  
 hand by bidding 4 .

SOUTH's next move is logical; RKCB 4NT.

NORTH shows zero or three Key Cards, and since it  
 could not possibly be zero, SOUTH knows they are

the ~~K~~nd both red Aces. Even possessing all the  
 Key Cards SOUTH knows there aren't

enough points for a Grand slam.

Board 2

North Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ T 8 7 6 3 2  
♥ T  
♦ J 6 4 2  
♣ K J

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



♠ Q J 4  
♥ 6 5  
♦ T 9 8  
♣ Q T 5 4 3

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

| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
|          | 3♥    | Pass | 4NT   |
| Pass     | 5♥    | Pass | 7NT   |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

7NT by South

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so she can count thirteen tricks.

She bids a confident 7NT (and hopes NORTH didn't open 3

with a 6-card suit.

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It is usually not recommended to use any form of Blackwood when you have a suit with two quick

losers, but SOUTH knows NORTH would not preempt with a 10-high

suit.

NORTH's reply to RKCB is 5

, showing two Key Cards.

SOUTH knows they are the

A

**Board 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K  
 ♥ J T 5 4  
 ♦ J T 9 5 4  
 ♣ 6 4 2

♠ J 9 6 4 3

♥ A Q 3

♦ Q 7

♣ Q 5 3



♠ A 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ T 9 8 7

♠ Q T 8 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ A K 3

♣ A K J

| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
|          |       |      | 1 ♠   |
| Pass     | 3 ♠   | Pass | 4NT   |
| Pass     | 5 ♣   | Pass | 5 ♠   |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

5 ♠ by South

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SOUTH has 21 points, and when she hears NORTH make a limit raise she tries for slam with RKCB.

NORTH answers with just one Key Card so SOUTH stops at 5 knowing they are missing

two Key Cards.

Of course she didn't expect the two missing Key Cards to be the Ace and King of trumps!

**Board 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 4 3  
♥ 8 4 2  
♦ J 9  
♣ Q T 8 2

♠ K Q 5

♥ A Q 9 6

♦ 7 6 4

♣ K 9 6



♠ 8 7 2

♥ J T 3

♦ A T 8 2

♣ 7 4 3

♠ A J 6

♥ K 7 5

♦ K Q 5 3

♣ A J 5

| West | North | East     | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
|      |       |          | 1 ♦   |
| Pass | 1 ♥   | Pass     | 2NT   |
| Pass | 4NT   | All Pass |       |

4 NT by North

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What is this doing here in the RKCB Practice Pages?

To emphasize that there are many 4NT bids which are NOT asking for Aces.

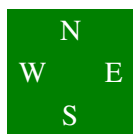
In this case, SOUTH showed a balanced hand with 18 or 19 points, and NORTH invited him

to bid 6NT if he felt his hand was a "maximum". He didn't, so he passed.

**Board 5**  
 South Deals  
 N-S Vul

♠ 8 6 4 3  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ A T 6  
 ♣ K Q T 5 2

♠ A 9 7 2  
 ♥ Q J 5 3  
 ♦ Q J 7 5 3  
 ♣ -



♠ Q J T  
 ♥ T 4  
 ♦ 9 4 2  
 ♣ A J 9 8 3

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

| West     | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
|          |       |      | 1 ♥   |
| Pass     | 4 ♣   | Pass | 4NT   |
| Pass     | 6 ♣   | Pass | 6 ♥   |
| All Pass |       |      |       |

6 ♥ by South

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 When NORTH makes a Splinter bid, showing

support and shortness,

SOUTH naturally thinks about slam.

She uses RKCB 4NT, and NORTH, with one Key Card and a Void, bids 6 .

Just what SOUTH needed for the 6

bid.

Board 6  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 4  
♥ 8 7 6 2  
♦ 9 7 3 2  
♣ A 9 6 3

♠ A K 6 3  
♥ K Q T 4  
♦ K Q 8 5  
♣ 2



♠ J T 7 5  
♥ J 3  
♦ J T  
♣ T 8 7 5 4

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

| West | North | East     | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
|      |       |          | 1NT   |
| Pass | 2♣    | Pass     | 2♠    |
| Pass | 4NT   | Pass     | 5♠    |
| Pass | 6♠    | All Pass |       |

6 ♠ by North

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NORTH thinks they should be in slam, and uses Stayman to check for a 4-4 Major fit.

When SOUTH announces four NORTH uses RKCB 4NT.

SOUTH's 5 bid shows two Key Cards plus the Q.

This fills the holes in NORTH's hand nicely, so she bids 6 .