

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 5 2
♥ J 10 9 5 2
♦ A 8 4
♣ 9 4

8
5 6
21

♠ A 8 4
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 10 9 5
♣ 7 5 2



♠ K Q J 9 6
♥ 4
♦ K Q J 7
♣ A K Q

♠ 10 3
♥ K Q 6
♦ 6 3 2
♣ J 10 8 6 3

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

2 NT shows a balanced hand with 8+ points, and when NORTH then supports 2 NT

SOUTH makes a slam try.

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

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 3 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A 8 2

♣ J 10 8 5

11
5 4
20

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♥ by South

♠ K J

♥ Q J 8 5

♦ Q 10 9 7

♣ Q 4 2



♠ A Q 7

♥ K 10 7 4 2

♦ K J 3

♣ A K

North

3 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 NT

5 ♥

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

NORTH replies to the 4 NT bid with 5

♠TM!

, 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

♠TM¥

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Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ J 9 4

17
5 2
16

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

1 ♥

4 ♠

5 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

♠ K 10 7 4
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ A 6
♣ A 3



♠ A Q 8 6 3 2
♥ 5
♦ K Q 7
♣ K Q 5

♠ J
♥ 10 3 2
♦ J 8 5 4
♣ 10 8 7 6 2

NORTH jumps to 4[♠], 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

[♠]

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 6[♠], knowing NORTH has either three Aces or two Aces plus the

[♠] K.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3 2
 ♥ J 6
 ♦ Q 10 3 2
 ♣ A 8 7 6

10
 7 10
 13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A 7 5
 ♥ Q 10 8 3
 ♦ A 8 5 4
 ♣ 9 2



♠ 6
 ♥ A K 9 7 5 4
 ♦ 6
 ♣ K Q J 10 3

North

3 ♥

5 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 NT

6 ♥

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

a Limit Raise in

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s SOUTH wants to know about Aces.

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

♠

is practically a certainty.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

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

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

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

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

♠TM!

suit.

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

NORTH cooperates by making a Control bid of 4

♠TM¥

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SOUTH stops at 4♠TM because neither partner controls

♠TM!

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