

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 4
♥ 6 3 2
♦ 7 6 3
♣ 9 7 6 5 3

16
2 5
17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♠ by North

♠ J 9 8 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ A J 4

♣ K Q J



♠ A K 6 3

♥ K Q 10 4

♦ K Q 8 5

♣ 2

North

1 NT

2 ♠

5 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 NT

5 ♠

This is the companion hand to Deal 18.

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

This time NORTH shows two Key Cards
without the â™ Q.

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

in trumps. So she stops at 5â™ .

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 3 2
♥ A K Q 8 6 4
♦ 5 3
♣ 8 7

6
9 19
6

West

2 ♥

3 NT

3 NT by East

♠ 6

♥ 10 7 3 2

♦ 10 8

♣ K Q J 10 9 6



♠ Q J 10 9 8 5

♥ —

♦ Q J 9 4 2

♣ 3 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 NT

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

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

just confuse matters when WEST shows two Key Cards.

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

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

WEST cannot have as much as an extra Jack, so EAST just passes 3 NT.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 5 3
♥ A 9 5 2
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 6 5 4

♠ —
♥ J 8 6
♦ 10 9 7 6 2
♣ K J 10 8 3



♠ 10 9 7 4
♥ 10 4 3
♦ A 3
♣ Q 9 7 2

♠ A Q J 8 6 2
♥ K Q 7
♦ K Q J
♣ A

7
5 6
22

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

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

for her to try a RKCB 4 NT bid.

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

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

might possibly make all thirteen tricks with a finesse.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 5
 ♥ A K 6 5 2
 ♦ 6
 ♣ A K Q

5
 22 6
 7

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

♠ 9 8 3

♥ J 3

♦ K 10 7 4 2

♣ J 10 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 6 4

♥ 10 9 8

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 6 2

♠ A 7 2

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 9 8 5

♣ 9 8 4 3

EAST's 3

♠™

bid is "encouraging" so WEST bids 4 NT.

When EAST shows one Key Card, (an Ace), WEST 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.

EAST has the

♠™

Q but no King so she jumps

to 6

♠™

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Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 6 4
 ♥ Q
 ♦ Q J 9 4 3
 ♣ 5 2

22
 5 8
 5

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

♠ K Q J 5
 ♥ A K 6 5 2
 ♦ 6
 ♣ A K Q

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 7 2
 ♥ J 9 8 7 4
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ 8 4 3

North

2 ♣

2 ♥

4 NT

5 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

3 ♥

5 ♣

6 ♥

♠ 3
 ♥ 10 3
 ♦ A K 10 7 2
 ♣ J 10 9 7 6

This is the companion to Deal 22.

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

bids 5

â™™!

, the Queen Ask.

SOUTH definitely does NOT have the

â™™

Q. But with five trumps she

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

to 6

â™™

anyway.

Deal 6

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 9 6 3
♥ A J 7 5
♦ K Q 2
♣ 6

7
17 12
4

West

2 ♠

3 ♥

4 NT

6 ♥

6 ♥ by East

♠ Q 4

♥ 3 2

♦ A 9 8 6

♣ J 9 7 4 2



♠ J 10 7 2

♥ 10 8

♦ J 10 5 4

♣ Q 10 3

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

3 ♣

4 ♥

5 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

3

â™¥

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

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

to 6

â™¥

when EAST shows two Key Cards and the trump Queen.