

**Deal 1**

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

West      North      East      South

Pass      2 ♦      Pass      4 NT

Pass      5 ♠      Pass      6 ♦

Pass      Pass      Pass

6 ♦ by North

SOUTH decides it is unlikely that NORTH is Aceless, so all he wants to know is the number of Aces NORTH does have.

He invokes RKC Blackwood.

Since no trump suit has been agreed, NORTH bids as if

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last-bid suit prior to 4 NT is agreed. NORTH has two Key-cards plus the trump Queen, so she bids 5â™.

SOUTH bids 6

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If NORTH had just one Key-card, SOUTH would bid 5

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over the 5â™£ reply.

**Deal 2**

	♠ 6		
North Deals	♥ K Q 8 7 2		
None Vul	♦ K Q		
	♣ A K 9 6 3		
♠ A J 10 9 8 2	♠ 5 4 3		
♥ 5	♥ A 10 9 4 3		
♦ J 10 8 7 3	♦ 9 5 2		
♣ 4	♣ 5 2		
	♠ K Q 7		
17	♥ J 6		
6 4	♦ A 6 4		
13	♣ Q J 10 8 7		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	
5 ♣ by South			

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

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

That's what happens here.

**Deal 3**  
North Deals  
None Vul

♠ —	♦ A Q J	♣ Q J 9	
♥ K 8 7	♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3	♣ 10 8 6 3	
♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3	♣ 10 8 6 3	♠ —	
♣ 10 8 6 3	♦ 10 9 6 5 2	♥ K 8 7	
	♦ 5 2	♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3	
	♣ 7 4 2	♣ 10 8 6 3	
	♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2	♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3	
	♦ 4	♣ 10 8 6 3	
	♦ K 6	♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3	
	♣ A K 5	♣ 10 8 6 3	
West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
6 ♠ by North			

SOUTH needs to know how many Aces NORTH holds.

One way to find out would be to bid 3 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ , (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 4**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

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 ♠ 6 2  
♥ 10 9  
♦ A J 10 9 7 2  
♣ 10 8 5

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

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

South Deals	♠ A 6
None Vul	♥ A Q 8 7 5 2
	♦ K Q 3
	♣ 8 7
♠ J 10 9 8 5	♠ 7 4 2
♥ J 6 4	♥ —
♦ 7 2	♦ J 10 9 8 5 4
♣ 10 4 2	♣ A J 5 3

15	♠ K Q 3
2 6	♥ K 10 9 3
17	♦ A 6
	♣ K Q 9 6

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



NORTH jumps in

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s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

SOUTH has great

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support so bids RKCB 4 NT.

NORTH responds 5â™ , showing two Key Cards and the

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Q.

That is enough for SOUTH to bid the slam.