

Deal 1

South Deals	♠ A 8 4
None Vul	♥ A 8 7 3
	♦ 10 9 5
	♣ 7 5 2
	♠ 7 5 2
	♥ J 10 9 5 2
	♦ A 8 4
	♣ 9 4
	8
	5 6
	21
	♠ K Q J 9 6
	♥ 4
	♦ K Q J 7
	♣ A K Q



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			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 â™ s

SOUTH makes a slam try.

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

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J
♥ Q J 8 5
♦ Q 10 9 7
♣ Q 4 2

♠ 10 6 3 2

♥ 9 6

♦ A 8 2

♣ J 10 8 5



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5 4

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West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass 3 ♥

Pass 4 NT

Pass 5 ♦

Pass 5 ♥

Pass Pass

5 ♥ by South

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

NORTH replies to the 4 NT bid with 5

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, 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

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Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ J 9 4

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

♠ J
W N E
S ♠ 10 3 2
♦ J 8 5 4
♣ 10 8 7 6 2

♠ A Q 8 6 3 2
♥ 5
♦ K Q 7
♣ K Q 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♠ by South			

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NORTH jumps to 6â™, 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

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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 6â™, knowing NORTH has either three Aces or two Aces plus the

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3 2
♥ J 6
♦ Q 10 3 2
♣ A 8 7 6

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7 **10**
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West North East South

Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by South

♠ A 7 5
♥ Q 10 8 3
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 9 2



♠ K Q J 10 9 4
♥ 2
♦ K J 9 7
♣ 5 4

♠ 6
♥ A K 9 7 5 4
♦ 6
♣ K Q J 10 3

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.

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

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is practically a certainty.

Deal 5

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

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	W E	
	S N	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			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

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suit.

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

NORTH cooperates by making a Control bid of 4

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SOUTH stops at 4â™ because neither partner controls

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