

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by North			

When SOUTH makes a Splinter bid, showing

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support and â™£ shortness,

NORTH naturally thinks about slam.

She uses RKCB 4 NT, and SOUTH, with one Key Card and a â™£ Void, bids 6â™£.

Just what NORTH needed for the 6

â™¥

bid.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

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

2  
 17 16  
 5

*West*

♠ J 5 4

♥ 7 6 3

♦ J 9 7

♣ 10 6 5 3



♠ 10 7

♥ J 8 2

♦ 10 3 2

♣ A 9 8 7 4

*North*

♠ Q 9 8 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ A 6 4

♣ K Q J

*East**South*

1 NT

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♠

Pass

6 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by East

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

When EAST announces four ♠s WEST uses RKCB 4 NT.

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

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

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 5  
 ♥ J 8 7  
 ♦ 10 9 2  
 ♣ A 10 8 4

17  
 5 2  
 16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♠ by South

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



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

North

2 ♣

4 NT

5 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

South

1 NT

2 ♠

5 ♥

Pass

This is the companion hand to Deal 18.

Again, NORTH uses RKCB after the 4-4  
 ♠<sup>TM</sup> fit is discovered.

This time SOUTH shows two Key Cards  
 without the ♠<sup>TM</sup> Q.

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

in trumps. So she stops at 5♠<sup>TM</sup>.

**Deal 4**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 4  
 ♥ J 9 5  
 ♦ A K 7 6  
 ♣ A 5 4

6  
 19 9  
 6

West

2 NT

Pass

3 NT by West

♠ Q J 10 9 8 5

♥ —

♦ Q J 9 4 2

♣ 3 2



♠ 6

♥ 10 7 3 2

♦ 10 8

♣ K Q J 10 9 6

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

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

just confuse matters when EAST shows two Key Cards.

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

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

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