

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

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



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

17  
5 2  
16

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

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

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 2**

North Deals ♠ 7 3 2  
 None Vul ♥ A K Q 8 6 4  
 ♦ 5 3  
 ♣ 8 7

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

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

West	North	East	South
	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

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

just confuse matters when NORTH shows two Key Cards.

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

this hand. NORTH should then bid 3 NT, showing a solid suit headed by AKQ.

NORTH cannot have as much as an extra Jack, so SOUTH 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>. If instead the Key Cards are the two red Aces SOUTH

might possibly make all thirteen tricks with a finesse.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 3

♥ J 3

♦ K 10 7 4 2

♣ J 10 5

6  
5 7  
22

♠ A 7 2

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 9 8 5

♣ 9 8 4 3

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♠ K Q J 5

♥ A K 6 5 2

♦ 6

♣ A K Q

♠ 10 6 4

♥ 10 9 8

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 6 2

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

NORTH's 3

♠<sup>TM</sup>Y

bid is "encouraging" so SOUTH bids 4 NT.

When NORTH shows one Key Card, (an Ace), SOUTH is afraid he may have a trump loser as well the

other Ace. To find out about the

♠<sup>TM</sup>Y

Q he

bids 5

♠<sup>TM</sup>!

, the Queen Ask.

NORTH has the

♠<sup>TM</sup>Y

Q but no King so she jumps

to 6

♠<sup>TM</sup>Y

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**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

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

5  
 8 5  
 22

♠ A 7 2  
 ♥ J 9 8 7 4  
 ♦ 8 5  
 ♣ 8 4 3



♠ K Q J 5  
 ♥ A K 6 5 2  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ A K Q

♠ 10 9 8 6 4  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ Q J 9 4 3  
 ♣ 5 2

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

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anyway.

This is the companion to Deal 22.

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

bids 5

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, the Queen Ask.

NORTH definitely does NOT have the

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}\Upsilon}$ 

Q. But with five trumps she

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

to 6

**Deal 6**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

17  
4 7  
12

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A K 9 6 3

♥ A J 7 5

♦ K Q 2

♣ 6



♠ 8 5

♥ K Q 9 6 4

♦ 7 3

♣ A K 8 5

North

2 ♠

3 ♥

4 NT

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

3 ♣

4 ♥

5 ♠

Pass

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

3

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

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

to 6

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when SOUTH shows two Key Cards and the trump Queen.