Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

	♠ Q J 7 3	
	♡ A J 5	
	♢ 10 6 3 2	
	♣ K 4	

♠ —		♠ 10 6 5
♡ 8 4 3	N	♡ 9 7 2
♢ Q J 9 7	W E	♢ A K 5
♣ Q J 9 8 6 3	S	♣ 10 7 5 2

	♠ A K 9 8 4 2	
11	♡ K Q 10 6	
6 7	♢ 8 4	
16	♣ A	

West	North	East	South
			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 4♣. (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 4♦ because neither partner controls

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Deal 2
North Deals
None Vul

North: ♠ 6 ♥ K Q 8 7 2 ♦ A K 9 6 3 ♣ K Q

West: ♠ K 8 5 4 3 2 ♥ 3 ♦ 2 ♣ J 10 9 5 2

East: ♠ Q 10 9 ♥ A 10 9 5 4 ♦ 5 4 ♣ 8 7 3

South: ♠ A J 7 ♥ J 6 ♦ Q J 10 8 7 ♣ A 6 4

17
4   6
13

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6♦ by South

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

He invokes RKC Blackwood.

Since no trump suit has been agreed, SOUTH bids as if â™¦s, the last-bid suit prior to 4 NT is agreed. SOUTH has two Key-cards plus the trump Queen, so she bids 5â™ .

NORTH bids 6â™¦.

If SOUTH had just one Key-card, NORTH would bid 5â™¦ over the 5â™£ reply.

Deal 3
North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
♡ K Q 8 7 2
♢ K Q
♣ A K 9 6 3

♠ A J 10 9 8 2
♡ 5
♢ J 10 8 7 3
♣ 4

N
W E
S

♠ 5 4 3
♡ A 10 9 4 3
♢ 9 5 2
♣ 5 2

17
6 4
13

♠ K Q 7
♡ J 6
♢ A 6 4
♣ 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 ♣s have been swapped.

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

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

That's what happens here.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

North hand:
♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2
♡ 4
♢ K 6
♣ A K 5

West hand:
♠ 10 4 3
♡ A 9 6 5 2
♢ 5 2
♣ 7 4 2

East hand:
♠ —
♡ K 8 7
♢ 10 9 8 7 4 3
♣ 10 8 6 3

South hand:
♠ A 9 6
♡ Q J 10 3
♢ A Q J
♣ Q J 9

16
4   3
17

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 ♠ by South

NORTH needs to know how many Aces SOUTH holds.

One way to find out would be to bid 3♠, (which is forcing), then launch Blackwood.

Another way is to bid 4♣ (Gerber) right now.

The first way is probably better but we needed a Gerber example.