

Board 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 8
♥ J 9 7 5
♦ 4 3
♣ Q J 6 4 3

♠ A Q J 6 5 2

♥ K 8 2
♦ Q

♣ A 8 5

N
W E
S

♠ 7 4
♥ Q 4 3
♦ K J T 7 5
♣ T 7 2

♠ K 9 3
♥ A T 6
♦ A 9 8 6 2
♣ K 9

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

6 ♠ by North

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When NORTH makes a slam try with a jump to 3 , the best approach for SOUTH is to agree on

the trump suit immediately but indicate a minimum hand by bidding 4 .

NORTH's next move is logical; RKCB 4NT.

SOUTH shows zero or three Key Cards, and since it could not possibly be zero, NORTH knows they are

the Knd both red Aces. Even possessing all the Key Cards NORTH knows there aren't

enough points for a Grand slam.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 8 7 6 3 2

♥ T

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ K J

♠ 9 5

♥ A K 9 8 7 4 2

♦ 7 3

♣ 8 7

	N	E
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 4

♥ 6 5

♦ T 9 8

♣ Q T 5 4 3

♠ A K

♥ Q J 3

♦ A K Q 5

♣ A 9 6 2

West	North	East	South
	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

7 NT by South

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so she can count thirteen tricks.

She bids a confident 7NT (and hopes NORTH didn't open 3

with a 6-card suit.

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It is usually not recommended to use any form of Blackwood when you have a suit with two quick

losers, but SOUTH knows NORTH would not preempt with a 10-high

suit.

NORTH's reply to RKCB is 5

, showing two Key Cards.

SOUTH knows they are the

A

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ T 9 8 7

♠ Q T 8 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ A K 3

♣ A K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K

♥ J T 5 4

♦ J T 9 5 4

♣ 6 4 2

♠ J 9 6 4 3

♥ A Q 3

♦ Q 7

♣ Q 5 3

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

5 ♠ by North

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NORTH has 21 points, and when she hears SOUTH make a limit raise she tries for slam with RKCB.

SOUTH answers with just one Key Card so NORTH stops at 5 knowing they are missing

two Key Cards.

Of course she didn't expect the two missing Key Cards to be the Ace and King of trumps!

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 4 3
♥ 8 4 2
♦ J 9
♣ Q T 8 2

♠ K Q 5

♥ A Q 9 6

♦ 7 6 4

♣ K 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 7 2
♥ J T 3
♦ A T 8 2
♣ 7 4 3

♠ A J 6
♥ K 7 5
♦ K Q 5 3
♣ A J 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	4NT	All Pass	2NT

4NT by North

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What is this doing here in the RKCB Practice Pages?

To emphasize that there are many 4NT bids which are NOT asking for Aces.

In this case, SOUTH showed a balanced hand with 18 or 19 points, and NORTH invited him

to bid 6NT if he felt his hand was a "maximum". He didn't, so he passed.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T

♥ T 4

♦ 9 4 2

♣ A J 9 8 3

♠ K 5

♥ A K 9 7 6 2

♦ K 8

♣ 7 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 6 4 3

♥ 8

♦ A T 6

♣ K Q T 5 2

♠ A 9 7 2

♥ Q J 5 3

♦ Q J 7 5 3

♣ -

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

6♥ by North

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When SOUTH makes a Splinter bid, showing

support and shortness,

NORTH naturally thinks about slam.

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

Just what NORTH needed for the 6

bid.

Board 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ 8 7 6 2
♦ 9 7 3 2
♣ A 9 6 3

♠ A K 6 3

♥ K Q T 4

♦ K Q 8 5

♣ 2

N
W E
S

♠ J T 7 5

♥ J 3

♦ J T

♣ T 8 7 5 4

♠ Q 9 8 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ A 6 4
♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

6 ♠ by North

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

When SOUTH announces four N NORTH uses RKCB 4NT.

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

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