

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9
♥ T 6 4 3 2
♦ J 9 7 3 2
♣ 9 5

♠ K T 7 5 3 2

♥ 8

♦ K 8 6

♣ A Q 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 8
♥ J 9 7 5
♦ Q T 4
♣ T 8 7 2

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ A K Q
♦ A 5
♣ K J 6 3

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

7NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 11
When SOUTH agrees to 5NT, NORTH will not stop short of a slam.

The RKCB 4NT bid tells NORTH that they have all five Key Cards since SOUTH could hardly

have a 2NT opening hand with no Aces.

NORTH's 5

bid is the Queen Ask, and SOUTH's reply confirms that she holds

the Q and also has the K.

NORTH figures the ♦ suit will run, and this should be enough for Grand Slam. He chooses 7NT.

Board 2

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q J 3
♦ A J 5
♣ A J 6 5

♠ T 9

♥ K 6 2

♦ T 6 4 3

♣ T 9 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 7 5 3
♥ 8
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ K Q 4

♠ J 4 2
♥ A T 9 7 5 4
♦ 9 8
♣ 8 3

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

6 ♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 12

EAST knows there are enough points for slam, but she is worried about the trump suit.

WEST's support doesn't guarantee more than three s, and if they are not headed

by the Queen she could lose a trump trick.

Her RKCB bid relieves her mind when EAST claims two Key Cards PLUS the Q.

She bids 6 (and hopes for a 3-2 trump split!).

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

	N	♠ T 8
W		♥ J 9 7 5
	E	♦ 4 3
S		♣ Q J 6 4 3

♠ A Q J 6 5 2
♥ K 8 2
♦ Q
♣ A 8 5

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

6 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 13

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

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

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

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

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

enough points for a Grand slam.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K

♥ Q J 3

♦ A K Q 5

♣ A 9 6 2

♠ T 8 7 6 3 2

♥ T

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 5

♥ A K 9 8 7 4 2

♦ 7 3

♣ 8 7

♠ Q J 4

♥ 6 5

♦ T 9 8

♣ Q T 5 4 3

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

7 NT by West

K

so she can count thirteen tricks.

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

with a 6-card suit.

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 14

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

losers, but WEST knows EAST would not preempt with a 10-high

suit.

EAST's reply to RKCB is 5

, showing two Key Cards.

WEST knows they are the

A

Board 5

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

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 15

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!