

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 3
♥ K Q 6
♦ 6 3 2
♣ J 10 8 6 3

21
6 5
8

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by North

♠ K Q J 9 6

♥ 4

♦ K Q J 7

♣ A K Q



♠ A 8 4

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ 10 9 5

♣ 7 5 2

♠ 7 5 2

♥ J 10 9 5 2

♦ A 8 4

♣ 9 4

2 NT shows a balanced hand with 8+ points, and when SOUTH then supports 2^{NT}s

NORTH makes a slam try.

NORTH bids RKC Blackwood 4 NT. SOUTH shows two Keycards (two Aces) and NORTH bids 6^{NT}.

2 ♣

Pass

2 NT

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥

6 ♠

Pass

Pass

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6 3 2
♥ 9 6
♦ A 8 2
♣ J 10 8 5

11
5 4
20

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♥ by South

♠ K J
♥ Q J 8 5
♦ Q 10 9 7
♣ Q 4 2



♠ A Q 7
♥ K 10 7 4 2
♦ K J 3
♣ A K

North

3 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 NT

5 ♥

NORTH has a decent Limit Raise, and SOUTH tries RKC Blackwood.

NORTH replies to the 4 NT bid with 5

♠TM!

, zero or three Keycards.

So which is it, zero or three?

Pretty simple - since SOUTH holds three Keycards himself NORTH can hardly have three also since there

are only five total. She must have zero and SOUTH signs off at 5

♠TM¥

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Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J
♥ 10 3 2
♦ J 8 5 4
♣ 10 8 7 6 2

16
2 5
17

♠ A Q 8 6 3 2
♥ 5
♦ K Q 7
♣ K Q 5



♠ K 10 7 4
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ A 6
♣ A 3

♠ 9 5
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ J 9 4

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

SOUTH jumps to 4TM, confident that NORTH could make 10 tricks

even if he just has 6 points.

NORTH knows he can make more and bids RKCB 4 NT.

SOUTH's 5

âTM!

response shows zero or three Keycards.

So which is it? Zero or three?

SOUTH bid much too strongly to have no Aces. NORTH

bids a confident 6âTM, knowing SOUTH has either three Aces or two Aces plus the âTM K.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3 2
 ♥ J 6
 ♦ Q 10 3 2
 ♣ A 8 7 6

10
 7 10
 13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A 7 5
 ♥ Q 10 8 3
 ♦ A 8 5 4
 ♣ 9 2



♠ 6
 ♥ A K 9 7 5 4
 ♦ 6
 ♣ K Q J 10 3

North

3 ♥

5 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 NT

6 ♥

With eleven cards in the "round" suits SOUTH has a lot of playing strength. So when NORTH bids

a Limit Raise in

♠

s SOUTH wants to know about Aces.

RKCBlackwood tells him that NORTH has two Aces plus the trump Queen, so SOUTH can see that 6

♠

is practically a certainty.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6 5
♥ 9 7 2
♦ A K 5
♣ 10 7 5 2

16
7 6
11

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

♠ A K 9 8 4 2
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 8 4
♣ A

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 7 3
♥ A J 5
♦ 10 6 3 2
♣ K 4

♠ —
♥ 8 4 3
♦ Q J 9 7
♣ Q J 9 8 6 3

NORTH has interest in slam after she hears SOUTH's Limit Raise.

BUT, she should not use Blackwood holding two quick losers in the

♠TM!

suit.

Instead she makes a Control showing bid of 4♠TM£. (Not Gerber since it didn't follow a NT bid.)

SOUTH cooperates by making a Control bid of 4

♠TM¥

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NORTH stops at 4♠TM because neither partner controls

♠TM!

s.

Deal 6

North Deals ♠ 6
 None Vul ♥ K Q 8 7 2
 ♦ A K 9 6 3
 ♣ K Q

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

17
 4 6
 13
 ♠ A J 7
 ♥ J 6
 ♦ Q J 10 8 7
 ♣ A 6 4

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

âTM!

s, the

last-bid suit prior to 4 NT is agreed. SOUTH has two Key-cards plus the trump Queen, so she bids 5âTM.

NORTH bids 6

âTM!

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If SOUTH had just one Key-card, NORTH would bid 5

âTM!

over the 5âTM£ reply.