

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

23  
2 3  
12

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

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

♠ A Q 6 4  
♥ A K Q  
♦ A 5  
♣ K J 6 3



♠ K 10 7 5 3 2  
♥ 8  
♦ K 8 6  
♣ A Q 4

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

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠

4 NT

5 ♥

7 NT

When NORTH agrees to  $\hat{A}^{\text{TM}}$ s, SOUTH will not stop short of a slam.

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

have a  $2\hat{A}^{\text{TM}}$  opening hand with no Aces.

SOUTH's 5

$\hat{A}^{\text{TM}}$ Y

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

the  $\hat{A}^{\text{TM}}$  Q, and also has the  $\hat{A}^{\text{TM}}$ £K.

SOUTH figures the  $\hat{A}^{\text{TM}}$  suit will run, and this should be enough for Grand Slam. He chooses 7 NT.

**Deal 2**

North Deals

None Vul

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

15  
 3 5  
 17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

♠ Q 8 6

♥ Q J 3

♦ A J 5

♣ A J 6 5



♠ A K 7 5 3

♥ 8

♦ K Q 7 2

♣ K Q 4

North

1 NT

4 ♠

5 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

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

NORTH's support doesn't guarantee more than three  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s, and if they are not headed

by the Queen she could lose a trump trick.

Her RKCB bid relieves her mind when SOUTH claims two Key Cards PLUS the  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  Q.

She bids 6 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  (and hopes for a 3-2 trump split!).

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 4

♥ J 9 7

♦ K J 4 3

♣ Q 10 3

14

7 3

16

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

♠ K 9 3

♥ A 10 6

♦ A 9 8 6 2

♣ K 9



♠ A Q J 6 5 2

♥ K 8 2

♦ Q

♣ A 8 5

*North*

1 NT

4 ♠

5 ♦

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

3 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

When SOUTH makes a slam try with a jump to 3<sup>♠</sup>, the best approach for NORTH is to agree on

the trump suit immediately but indicate a minimum hand by bidding 4<sup>♠</sup>.

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

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

the 3<sup>♠</sup> K and both red Aces. Even possessing all the Key Cards SOUTH knows there aren't

enough points for a Grand slam.

**Deal 4**

North Deals ♠ 9 5

None Vul ♥ A K 9 8 7 4 2

♦ 7 3

♣ 8 7

♠ 10 8 7 4 3 2

♥ 6

♦ J 4

♣ Q J 10 3



♠ Q J 6

♥ 10 5

♦ 10 9 8 6 2

♣ K 5 4

♠ A K

♥ Q J 3

♦ A K Q 5

♣ A 9 6 2

7  
4 6  
23

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

7 NT by South

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

♠

K

so she can count thirteen tricks.

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

♠

with a 6-card suit.

**Deal 5**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

11  
4 5  
20

West

♠ J 9 6 4 3  
♥ A Q 3  
♦ Q 7  
♣ Q 5 3



♠ Q 10 8 7 5  
♥ K 6  
♦ A K 3  
♣ A K J

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♠ by South

3 ♠

5 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

4 NT

5 ♠

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

NORTH answers with just one Key Card so SOUTH stops at 5<sup>th</sup>, 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!