

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ K J T 6 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ J T 9

♠ A 8 4

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ T 9 5

♣ 7 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 7 3
♥ Q 9 5
♦ A 4 3
♣ 8 6 4 3

♠ K Q J 9 6
♥ 4
♦ K Q J 7
♣ A K Q

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

6 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 1
2NT shows a balanced hand with 8+ points, and when NORTH then supports s

SOUTH makes a slam try.

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

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 4 2
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ J 9

♠ K J

♥ Q J 8 5

♦ Q T 9 7

♣ Q 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 8 5 3
♥ -
♦ A 4
♣ T 8 7 6 5 3

♠ A Q 7
♥ K T 7 4 2
♦ K J 3
♣ A K

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

5♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set8.2

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

NORTH replies to the 4NT bid with 5

, 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

Board 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 5
♥ A 6 3 2
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 8 6 4 2

♠ K T 7 4
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ A 6
♣ A 3

	N	E
W		S
	♠ 9	
	♥ T 9 7	
	♦ J T 9 3 2	
	♣ J T 9 7	

♠ A Q 8 6 3 2
♥ 5
♦ K Q 7
♣ K Q 5

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

6 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 3
NORTH jumps to 4 confident that SOUTH could make 10 tricks

even if he just has 6 points.

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

NORTH's 5

response shows zero or three Keycards.

So which is it? Zero or three?

NORTH bid much too strongly to have no Aces.
SOUTH

bids a confident 6 knowing NORTH has either three Aces or two Aces plus the K.

Board 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 4 3
♥ J 6 2
♦ K 9 3
♣ A 8 5

♠ A 7 5
♥ Q T 8 3
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 9 2

	N		♠ K J T 9 2
W		E	♥ -
	S		♦ Q J T 7 2
			♣ 7 6 4

♠ 6
♥ A K 9 7 5 4
♦ 6
♣ K Q J T 3

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

6♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 4

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.

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

is practically a certainty.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 6 5
♥ 9 8 7 4 2
♦ K Q J 9
♣ T 7

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ A J 5

♦ T 6 3 2

♣ K 4

	N		♠ T
W		♥ 3	
	E		♦ A 7 5
S			♣ Q J 9 8 6 5 3 2

♠ A K 9 8 4 2
♥ K Q T 6
♦ 8 4
♣ A

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 5
SOUTH has interest in slam after she hears
NORTH's Limit Raise.

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

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
1♠
4♣
4♠
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SOUTH stops at 4 because neither partner controls

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