

**Deal 1**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ A Q J 8 6 2	♦ K Q 7	♥ K Q J	♣ A
♦ A 3	♦ 10 9 7 6 2	♦ 10 9 7 6 2	♦ K J 10 8 3
♣ Q 9 7 2	♣ K 5 3	♣ —	♣ —
22 6 5 7	♦ A 9 5 2	♦ 8 5 4	♣ 6 5 4



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by North			

NORTH realizes SOUTH has fewer than 8 points, but the 3♦ support bid is enough

for her to try a RKCB 4 NT bid.

SOUTH shows two Key Cards and NORTH figures they will be the ♠ K and one of the

red Aces. So she bids 6♦. If instead the Key Cards are the two red Aces NORTH

might possibly make all thirteen tricks with a finesse.

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

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

6 7  
5 22

*West*  
2 ♦  
3 ♥  
5 ♣  
6 ♥  
6 ♥ by East

♠ 10 6 4  
♥ 10 9 8  
♦ A Q J 3  
♣ 7 6 2



♠ K Q J 5  
♥ A K 6 5 2  
♦ 6  
♣ A K Q

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

*North*  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

2 ♣

4 NT

5 ♦

Pass

*East*  
2 ♥  
4 NT  
5 ♦  
Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

WEST's 3

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bid is "encouraging" so EAST bids 4 NT.

When WEST shows one Key Card, (an Ace), EAST is afraid he may have a trump loser as well the

other Ace. To find out about the

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Q he

bids 5

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, the Queen Ask.

WEST has the

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Q but no King so she jumps

to 6

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**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 3  
♥ 10 3  
♦ A K 10 7 2  
♣ J 10 9 7 6

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

♠ 10 9 8 6 4  
♥ Q  
♦ Q J 9 4 3  
♣ 5 2

♠ K Q J 5  
♥ A K 6 5 2  
♦ 6  
♣ A K Q

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

This is the companion to Deal 22.

Again, worried about a possible trump loser in addition to the missing Ace,  
SOUTH

bids 5

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, the Queen Ask.

NORTH definitely does NOT have the

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Q. But with five trumps she

does know that SOUTH probably does not have a trump loser so she jumps

to 6

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anyway.

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 5  
 ♥ K Q 9 6 4  
 ♦ 7 3  
 ♣ A K 8 5

4  
 12 17  
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♠ J 10 7 2  
 ♥ 10 8  
 ♦ J 10 5 4  
 ♣ Q 10 3



♠ A K 9 6 3  
 ♥ A J 7 5  
 ♦ K Q 2  
 ♣ 6

♠ Q 4  
 ♥ 3 2  
 ♦ A 9 8 6  
 ♣ J 9 7 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
6 ♥ by West			

EAST cannot use RKCB at her second bid because trumps have not been agreed. So she bids

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to set trumps, knowing WEST cannot pass after her jump-shift.

WEST tries to stop at game but EAST is too strong so she now uses RKCB and gets

to 6

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when WEST shows two Key Cards and the trump Queen.