

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ —

♥ 10 7 6 2

♦ Q J 10 7 4 2

♣ 10 8 5

♠ K 10 7 5 3 2

♥ 8

♦ K 8 6

♣ A Q 4


 ♠ J 9 8
 ♥ J 9 5 4 3
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ 9 7 2

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ A K Q

♦ A 5

♣ K J 6 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

4 NT

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

7 NT

Pass

6 ♠

Pass

7 NT by North

When SOUTH agrees to a™ s, NORTH will not stop short of a slam.

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

have a 2a™£ opening hand with no Aces.

NORTH's 5

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

the a™ Q, and also has the a™£K.

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

Deal 2

North Deals	♠ Q 8 6
None Vul	♥ Q J 3
	♦ A J 5
	♣ A J 6 5

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



15	♠ A K 7 5 3
3 5	♥ 8
17	♦ K Q 7 2
	♣ K Q 4

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

6 ♠ by South

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 ♠'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 ♠ Q.

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

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10
♥ Q 5 4 3
♦ 10 7 5
♣ J 7 6 4 2

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3 7
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♠ A Q J 6 5 2
♥ K 8 2
♦ Q
♣ A 8 5

♠ 8 7 4
♥ J 9 7
♦ K J 4 3
♣ Q 10 3

♠ K 9 3
♥ A 10 6
♦ A 9 8 6 2
♣ K 9

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

When NORTH makes a slam try with a jump to 3 \hat{a} TM, the best approach for SOUTH is to agree on

the trump suit immediately but indicate a minimum hand by bidding 4 \hat{a} TM.

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

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

the \hat{a} TM K and both red Aces. Even possessing all the Key Cards NORTH 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	♠ Q J 6
♥ 6	♥ 10 5
♦ J 4	♦ 10 9 8 6 2
♣ Q J 10 3	♣ K 5 4



♠ A K
♥ Q J 3
♦ A K Q 5
♣ A 9 6 2

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

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suit.

NORTH's reply to RKCB is 5

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, showing two Key Cards.

SOUTH knows they are the

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so she can count thirteen tricks.

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

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with a 6-card suit.

Deal 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ A
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ 6 4 2
♣ 10 9 7 6 2

20
5 4
11

	N		E	
W				S

♠ Q 10 8 7 5
♥ K 6
♦ A K 3
♣ A K J

♠ J 9 6 4 3
♥ A Q 3
♦ Q 7
♣ Q 5 3

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

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 \hat{a} TM, 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!