

**Deal 1**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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| <b>♠ 9 8 4 3</b><br><b>♥ 3</b><br><b>♦ A J 10 8</b><br><b>♣ 8 7 4 3</b> | <b>♠ A J 6</b><br><b>♥ K 7 5</b><br><b>♦ K Q 5 3</b><br><b>♣ A J 5</b> |
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|  | <b>♠ 10 7 2</b><br><b>♥ J 10 8 4 2</b><br><b>♦ 9 2</b><br><b>♣ Q 10 2</b> |
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| <b>18</b><br><b>5 3</b><br><b>14</b> | <b>♠ K Q 5</b><br><b>♥ A Q 9 6</b><br><b>♦ 7 6 4</b><br><b>♣ K 9 6</b> |
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| <i>West</i>   | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Pass          | 1 ♦          | Pass        | 1 ♥          |
| Pass          | 2 NT         | Pass        | 4 NT         |
| 4 NT by North |              |             |              |

What is this doing here in the RKCB Practice Pages?

To emphasize that there are many 4 NT bids which are NOT asking for Aces.

In this case, NORTH showed a balanced hand with 18 or 19 points, and SOUTH invited him

to bid 6 NT if he felt his hand was a "maximum". He didn't, so he passed.

**Deal 2**

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| South Deals | ♠ A 9 7 2   |
| None Vul    | ♥ Q J 5 3   |
|             | ♦ Q J 7 5 3 |
|             | ♣ —         |

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



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| 10 | ♠ K 5         |
| 10 | ♥ A K 9 7 6 2 |
| 7  | ♦ K 8         |
| 13 | ♣ 7 6 4       |

| <i>West</i>  | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|              |              |             | 1 ♥          |
| Pass         | 4 ♣          | Pass        | 4 NT         |
| Pass         | 6 ♣          | Pass        | 6 ♥          |
| Pass         | Pass         | Pass        |              |
| 6 ♥ by South |              |             |              |

When NORTH makes a Splinter bid,  
showing

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support and â™£ shortness,

SOUTH naturally thinks about slam.

She uses RKCB 4 NT, and NORTH, with  
one Key Card and a â™£ Void, bids  
6â™£.

Just what SOUTH needed for the 6

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bid.

**Deal 3**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 5 4  
 ♥ 7 6 3  
 ♦ J 9 7  
 ♣ 10 6 5 3

**16**  
**2 5**  
**17**

♠ Q 9 8 2  
 ♥ A 9 5  
 ♦ A 6 4  
 ♣ K Q J

N  
W E  
S

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

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

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

SOUTH thinks they should be in slam, and uses Stayman to check for a 4-4 Major fit.

When NORTH announces four  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ 's SOUTH uses RKCB 4 NT.

NORTH's 5 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  bid shows two Key Cards plus the  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  Q.

This fills the holes in SOUTH's hand nicely, so she bids 6 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

**Deal 4**South Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>17</sup>  
**5 2**  
<sup>16</sup>

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|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ Q 4  
♥ 6 3 2  
♦ 7 6 3  
♣ 9 7 6 5 3

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

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

This is the companion hand to Deal 18.

Again, NORTH uses RKCB after the 4-4 fit is discovered.

This time SOUTH shows two Key Cards without the â™ Q.

Now NORTH realizes that in addition to one outside Ace, there is a very possible loser

in trumps. So she stops at 5â™ .

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 4

♥ J 9 5

♦ A K 7 6

♣ A 5 4

♠ 6

♥ 10 7 3 2

♦ 10 8

♣ K Q J 10 9 6



♠ Q J 10 9 8 5

♥ —

♦ Q J 9 4 2

♣ 3 2

19  
6 6  
9
 ♠ 7 3 2  
 ♥ A K Q 8 6 4  
 ♦ 5 3  
 ♣ 8 7

West

North

East

South

2 ♥

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

The chances of a slam on this hand are very small, and if NORTH decides to use RKCB it will

just confuse matters when SOUTH shows two Key Cards.

NORTH has a better way to find out about the hand. She bids 2 NT asking SOUTH to further describe

his hand. SOUTH should then bid 3 NT, showing a solid suit headed by AKQ.

SOUTH cannot have as much as an extra Jack, so NORTH just passes 3 NT.