

**Deal 1**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10  
♥ Q 5 4 3  
♦ 10 7 5  
♣ J 7 6 4 2

**16**  
**3 7**  
**14**

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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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			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 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ , the best approach for SOUTH is to agree on

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

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  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  K and both red Aces. Even possessing all the Key Cards NORTH knows there aren't

enough points for a Grand slam.

**Deal 2**

West Deals	♠ Q J 6
None Vul	♥ 10 5
	♦ 10 9 8 6 2
	♣ K 5 4
♠ 9 5	♠ A K
♥ A K 9 8 7 4 2	♥ Q J 3
♦ 7 3	♦ A K Q 5
♣ 8 7	♣ A 9 6 2

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



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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	7 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
7 NT by East			

It is usually not recommended to use any form of Blackwood when you have a suit with two quick

losers, but EAST knows WEST would not preempt with a 10-high

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suit.

WEST's reply to RKCB is 5

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, showing two Key Cards.

EAST knows they are the

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A

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K

so she can count thirteen tricks.

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

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with a 6-card suit.

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>11</sup>  
 4 5  
<sup>20</sup>

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

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

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

<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 South			

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>â™</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!

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul

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

18  
3  
14  
5

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

W	N
S	E

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	4 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 NT by West			

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, WEST showed a balanced hand with 18 or 19 points, and EAST invited him

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