

Deal 1

South Deals	♠ A J 7
None Vul	♥ J 6
	♦ Q J 10 8 7
	♣ A 6 4
♠ Q 10 9	♠ K 8 5 4 3 2
♥ A 10 9 5 4	W N E
♦ 5 4	3
♣ 8 7 3	♦ 2
	♣ J 10 9 5 2
	♠ 6
13	♥ K Q 8 7 2
6 4	♦ A K 9 6 3
17	♣ K Q

West North East South

Pass 2 ♦ Pass 4 NT

Pass 5 ♠ Pass 6 ♦

Pass Pass Pass

6 ♦ by North

SOUTH decides it is unlikely that NORTH is Aceless, so all he wants to know is the number of Aces NORTH does have.

He invokes RKC Blackwood.

Since no trump suit has been agreed, NORTH bids as if

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s, the

last-bid suit prior to 4 NT is agreed. NORTH has two Key-cards plus the trump Queen, so she bids 5â™.

SOUTH bids 6

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If NORTH had just one Key-card, SOUTH would bid 5

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over the 5â™£ reply.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ K Q
♣ A K 9 6 3

4
17 13
6

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

♠ 5 4 3
♥ A 10 9 4 3
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 5 2

♠ K Q 7
♥ J 6
♦ A 6 4
♣ Q J 10 8 7

♠ A J 10 9 8 2

♥ 5
♦ J 10 8 7 3
♣ 4



This is the companion to Deal 6. The cards are the same except that the

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s and â™£s have been swapped.

Again, WEST has no problem as long as EAST holds at least one Key-card.

When EAST responds 5â™£, (showing one Key-card), WEST can pass.

That's what happens here.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 4 3
♥ A 9 6 5 2
♦ 5 2
♣ 7 4 2

16
4 3
17

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6

♣ A K 5

W N E
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♠ —

♥ K 8 7

♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3
♣ 10 8 6 3

♠ A 9 6
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9

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

NORTH needs to know how many Aces SOUTH holds.

One way to find out would be to bid 3 \hat{a}^{TM} , (which is forcing), then launch Blackwood.

Another way is to bid 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$ (Gerber) right now.

The first way is probably better but we needed a Gerber example.

Deal 4

East Deals	♠ 9
None Vul	♥ J 8 6 4 3 2
	♦ Q 8 6 4 3
	♣ 3

♠ K Q 8 7 4 3 ♠ A J 10 5

♥ Q 7 5 ♥ A K

♦ — ♦ K 5

♣ 9 7 6 2 ♣ A K Q J 4



 ♠ 6 2
 7 3 25
 5 ♦ A J 10 9 7 2
 ♣ 10 8 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	7 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
7 ♠ by West			

WEST's positive response shows 8+ points and five or more cards headed by at least two honors.

EAST figures a small slam would be safe, but just to be sure she uses Blackwood.

WEST's 6

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reply shows one Key-card which must be the trump King,

and a

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void!

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EAST readjusts her thinking and decides to bid the Grand.

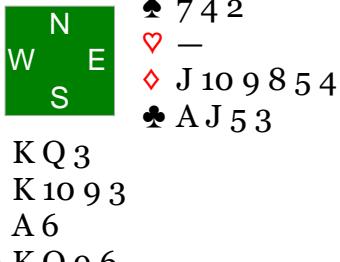
Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 8 5**♥ J 6 4****♦ 7 2****♣ 10 4 2**

♠ A 6
♥ A Q 8 7 5 2
♦ K Q 3
♣ 8 7

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♠

Pass

6 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

NORTH jumps in

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s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

SOUTH has great

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support so bids RKCB 4 NT.

NORTH responds 5â™ , showing two Key Cards and the

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Q.

That is enough for SOUTH to bid the slam.

Deal 6

East Deals	♠ A J 7
E-W Vul	♥ J 6
	♦ Q J 10 8 7
	♣ A 6 4
♠ Q 10 9	♠ K 8 5 4 3 2
♥ A 10 9 5 4	♥ 3
♦ 5 4	♦ 2
♣ 8 7 3	♣ J 10 9 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 6
13
6 4
17
♦ K Q 8 7 2
♦ A K 9 6 3
♣ K Q

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 5 4 3

♥ A 10 9 4 3

♦ 9 5 2

♣ 5 2

♠ 6

♥ K Q 8 7 2

♦ K Q

♣ A K 9 6 3

♠ K Q 7

♥ J 6

♦ A 6 4

♣ Q J 10 8 7

♠ A J 10 9 8 2

♥ 5

♦ J 10 8 7 3

♣ 4



4
17 13
6

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6

♣ A K 5

♠ 10 4 3

♥ A 9 6 5 2

♦ 5 2

♣ 7 4 2

W N E S

♠ —

♥ K 8 7

♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3

♣ 10 8 6 3

16
4 3
17♠ A 9 6
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9

Deal 9

♠ 9
North Deals ♥ J 8 6 4 3 2
E-W Vul ♦ Q 8 6 4 3
♣ 3
♠ K Q 8 7 4 3 ♠ A J 10 5
♥ Q 7 5 ♥ A K
♦ — ♦ K 5
♣ 9 7 6 2 ♣ A K Q J 4

♠ 6 2
3
7 25
5
♦ A J 10 9 7 2
♣ 10 8 5



Deal 10 ♠ A 6
East Deals ♥ A Q 8 7 5 2
Both Vul ♦ K Q 3
 ♣ 8 7
♠ J 10 9 8 5 ♠ 7 4 2
♥ J 6 4 ♥ —
♦ 7 2 ♦ J 10 9 8 5 4
♣ 10 4 2 ♣ A J 5 3

 ♠ K Q 3
 ♥ K 10 9 3
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ K Q 9 6



15
2 6
17

Deal 11 ♠ A J 7
South Deals ♥ J 6
None Vul ♦ Q J 10 8 7
 ♣ A 6 4
♠ Q 10 9 ♠ K 8 5 4 3 2
♥ A 10 9 5 4 ♡ 3
♦ 5 4 ♢ 2
♣ 8 7 3 ♣ J 10 9 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 6
13
6 4
17
♦ K Q 8 7 2
♦ A K 9 6 3
♣ K Q

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 5 4 3

♥ A 10 9 4 3

♦ 9 5 2

♣ 5 2

♠ 6

♥ K Q 8 7 2

♦ K Q

♣ A K 9 6 3

W N E S

♠ K Q 7

♥ J 6

♦ A 6 4

♣ Q J 10 8 7

♠ A J 10 9 8 2

♥ 5

♦ J 10 8 7 3

♣ 4

4
17 13
6

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6

♣ A K 5

♠ 10 4 3

♥ A 9 6 5 2

♦ 5 2

♣ 7 4 2

W N E S

♠ —

♥ K 8 7

♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3

♣ 10 8 6 3

16
4 3
17♠ A 9 6
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9

Deal 14

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



Deal 15

South Deals	♠ A 6
N-S Vul	♥ A Q 8 7 5 2
	♦ K Q 3
	♣ 8 7
♠ J 10 9 8 5	♠ 7 4 2
♥ J 6 4	♥ —
♦ 7 2	♦ J 10 9 8 5 4
♣ 10 4 2	♣ A J 5 3
15 2 6 17	♠ K Q 3 ♥ K 10 9 3 ♦ A 6 ♣ K Q 9 6

N
W E S

Deal 16

West Deals	♠ A J 7
E-W Vul	♥ J 6
	♦ Q J 10 8 7
	♣ A 6 4
♠ Q 10 9	♠ K 8 5 4 3 2
♥ A 10 9 5 4	♥ 3
♦ 5 4	♦ 2
♣ 8 7 3	♣ J 10 9 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 6
13
6 4
17
♣ K Q

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4 3

♥ A 10 9 4 3

♦ 9 5 2

♣ 5 2

♠ 6

♥ K Q 8 7 2

♦ K Q

♣ A K 9 6 3

♠ K Q 7

♥ J 6

♦ A 6 4

♣ Q J 10 8 7

W N E S

♠ A J 10 9 8 2

♥ 5

♦ J 10 8 7 3

♣ 4

4
17 13
6

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 5

♠ 10 4 3

♥ A 9 6 5 2

♦ 5 2

♣ 7 4 2

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6

♣ A K 5



♠ —

♥ K 8 7

♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3

♣ 10 8 6 3

16
4 3
17♠ A 9 6
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9

Deal 19

	♠ 9
South Deals	♥ J 8 6 4 3 2
E-W Vul	♦ Q 8 6 4 3
	♣ 3
♠ K Q 8 7 4 3	♠ A J 10 5
♥ Q 7 5	♥ A K
♦ —	♦ K 5
♣ 9 7 6 2	♣ A K Q J 4
	♠ 6 2
3	♥ 10 9
7 5	♦ A J 10 9 7 2
25	♣ 10 8 5

N
W E
S

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 6

♥ A Q 8 7 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 8 7

♠ J 10 9 8 5

♥ J 6 4

♦ 7 2

♣ 10 4 2



♠ 7 4 2

♥ —

♦ J 10 9 8 5 4

♣ A J 5 3

♠ K Q 3

15
2 6
17

♥ K 10 9 3

♦ A 6

♣ K Q 9 6

Deal 21

North Deals ♠ A J 7
N-S Vul ♥ J 6
 ♦ Q J 10 8 7
 ♣ A 6 4

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

N
W E
S

♠ 6
13
6 4
17
♦ K Q 8 7 2
♦ A K 9 6 3
♣ K Q

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 5 4 3
♥ A 10 9 4 3
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 5 2

♠ 6
♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ K Q
♣ A K 9 6 3

4
17 13
6

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 7
♥ J 6
♦ A 6 4
♣ Q J 10 8 7

♠ A J 10 9 8 2
♥ 5
♦ J 10 8 7 3
♣ 4

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6

♣ A K 5

♠ 10 4 3

♥ A 9 6 5 2

♦ 5 2

♣ 7 4 2

W N E S

♠ —

♥ K 8 7

♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3

♣ 10 8 6 3

16
4 3
17♠ A 9 6
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9

Deal 24

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

N
W E
S

Deal 25

North Deals	♠ A 6
E-W Vul	♥ A Q 8 7 5 2
	♦ K Q 3
	♣ 8 7
♠ J 10 9 8 5	♠ 7 4 2
♥ J 6 4	♥ —
♦ 7 2	♦ J 10 9 8 5 4
♣ 10 4 2	♣ A J 5 3
15 2 6 17	♠ K Q 3 ♥ K 10 9 3 ♦ A 6 ♣ K Q 9 6



Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A J 7

♥ J 6

♦ Q J 10 8 7

♣ A 6 4

♠ Q 10 9

♥ A 10 9 5 4

♦ 5 4

♣ 8 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ K 8 5 4 3 2

♥ 3

♦ 2

♣ J 10 9 5 2

13
6 4
17

♠ 6

♥ K Q 8 7 2

♦ A K 9 6 3

♣ K Q

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4 3
♥ A 10 9 4 3
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 5 2

♠ 6
♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ K Q
♣ A K 9 6 3

4
17 13
6

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 7
♥ J 6
♦ A 6 4
♣ Q J 10 8 7

♠ A J 10 9 8 2
♥ 5
♦ J 10 8 7 3
♣ 4

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6

♣ A K 5

♠ 10 4 3

♥ A 9 6 5 2

♦ 5 2

♣ 7 4 2

W N E S

♠ —

♥ K 8 7

♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3

♣ 10 8 6 3

16
4 3
17♠ A 9 6
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9

Deal 29

North Deals	♠ 9
Both Vul	♥ J 8 6 4 3 2
	♦ Q 8 6 4 3
	♣ 3
♠ K Q 8 7 4 3	♠ A J 10 5
♥ Q 7 5	♥ A K
♦ —	♦ K 5
♣ 9 7 6 2	♣ A K Q J 4
3 7 5	♠ 6 2 ♥ 10 9 ♦ A J 10 9 7 2 ♣ 10 8 5

N
W E
S

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6

♥ A Q 8 7 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 8 7

♠ J 10 9 8 5

♥ J 6 4

♦ 7 2

♣ 10 4 2



♠ 7 4 2

♥ —

♦ J 10 9 8 5 4

♣ A J 5 3

♠ K Q 3

♥ K 10 9 3

♦ A 6

♣ K Q 9 6

15
2 6
17

Deal 31

South Deals ♠ A J 7
N-S Vul ♥ J 6
 ♦ Q J 10 8 7
 ♣ A 6 4

♠ Q 10 9 ♠ K 8 5 4 3 2
♥ A 10 9 5 4 N
♦ 5 4 W E
♣ 8 7 3 S

♠ 6
13
6 4
17
♦ K Q 8 7 2
♦ A K 9 6 3
♣ K Q

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 5 4 3

♥ A 10 9 4 3

♦ 9 5 2

♣ 5 2

♠ 6

♥ K Q 8 7 2

♦ K Q

♣ A K 9 6 3

W N
S E

♠ K Q 7

♥ J 6

♦ A 6 4

♣ Q J 10 8 7

♠ A J 10 9 8 2

♥ 5

♦ J 10 8 7 3

♣ 4

4
17 13
6

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6

♣ A K 5

♠ 10 4 3

♥ A 9 6 5 2

♦ 5 2

♣ 7 4 2



♠ —

♥ K 8 7

♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3

♣ 10 8 6 3

16
4 3
17

♠ A 9 6
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9

Deal 34

	♠ 9
East Deals	♥ J 8 6 4 3 2
N-S Vul	♦ Q 8 6 4 3
	♣ 3
♠ K Q 8 7 4 3	♠ A J 10 5
♥ Q 7 5	♥ A K
♦ —	♦ K 5
♣ 9 7 6 2	♣ A K Q J 4
	♠ 6 2
3 7 5	♥ 10 9
25	♦ A J 10 9 7 2
	♣ 10 8 5

N
W E
S

Deal 35

South Deals	♠ A 6
E-W Vul	♥ A Q 8 7 5 2
	♦ K Q 3
	♣ 8 7
♠ J 10 9 8 5	♠ 7 4 2
♥ J 6 4	♥ —
♦ 7 2	♦ J 10 9 8 5 4
♣ 10 4 2	♣ A J 5 3
15 2 6 17	♠ K Q 3 ♥ K 10 9 3 ♦ A 6 ♣ K Q 9 6

