

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

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



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

7  
5 3  
25

♠ A J 10 5  
♥ A K  
♦ K 5  
♣ A K Q J 4

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	7 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
7 ♠ by North			

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

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

NORTH's 6

â<sup>TM</sup>!

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

and a

â<sup>TM</sup>!

void!

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SOUTH readjusts her thinking and decides to bid the Grand.

**Deal 2**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

17  
6 2  
15

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

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

SOUTH jumps in

5♠

s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

NORTH has great

5♠

support so bids RKCB 4 NT.

SOUTH responds 5♥, showing two Key Cards and the

5♠

Q.

That is enough for NORTH to bid the slam.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ —

♥ 10 7 6 2

♦ Q J 10 7 4 2

♣ 10 8 5

12  
3 2  
23

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by North

♠ K 10 7 5 3 2

♥ 8

♦ K 8 6

♣ A Q 4

W N  
E S

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ A K Q

♦ A 5

♣ K J 6 3

North

2 ♠

4 NT

5 ♥

7 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

3 ♠

5 ♦

6 ♣

Pass

When SOUTH agrees to  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ 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  $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£}$  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  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  Q, and also has the  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£K}$ .

NORTH figures the  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  suit will run, and this should be enough for Grand Slam. He chooses 7 NT.

**Deal 4**

North Deals

None Vul

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

15  
 3 5  
 17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

♠ Q 8 6

♥ Q J 3

♦ A J 5

♣ A J 6 5



♠ A K 7 5 3

♥ 8

♦ K Q 7 2

♣ K Q 4

North

1 NT

4 ♠

5 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

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  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ 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  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  Q.

She bids 6 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  (and hopes for a 3-2 trump split!).