

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 4 3
♥ 8 4 2
♦ J 9
♣ Q T 8 2

♠ K Q 5

♥ A Q 9 6

♦ 7 6 4

♣ K 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 7 2
♥ J T 3
♦ A T 8 2
♣ 7 4 3

♠ A J 6
♥ K 7 5
♦ K Q 5 3
♣ A J 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	4NT	All Pass	2NT

4NT by North

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What is this doing here in the RKCB Practice Pages?

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

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

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

Board 2South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 8 6 4 3
♥ 8
♦ A T 6
♣ K Q T 5 2

♠ A 9 7 2

♥ Q J 5 3

♦ Q J 7 5 3

♣ -

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J T
♥ T 4
♦ 9 4 2
♣ A J 9 8 3

♠ K 5
♥ A K 9 7 6 2
♦ K 8
♣ 7 6 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	6♣	Pass	4NT
All Pass			6♥

6♥ by South

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When NORTH makes a Splinter bid, showing

support and shortness,

SOUTH naturally thinks about slam.

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

Just what SOUTH needed for the 6

bid.

Board 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ 8 7 6 2
♦ 9 7 3 2
♣ A 9 6 3

♠ A K 6 3

♥ K Q T 4

♦ K Q 8 5

♣ 2

N
W E
S

♠ J T 7 5

♥ J 3

♦ J T

♣ T 8 7 5 4

♠ Q 9 8 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ A 6 4
♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

6 ♠ by North

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

When SOUTH announces four N NORTH uses RKCB 4NT.

SOUTH's 5 bid shows two Key Cards plus the Q.

This fills the holes in NORTH's hand nicely, so she bids 6 .

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 5 4
♥ J 8 6
♦ T 9 3
♣ T 5 4

♠ A K 6 3

♥ K Q T 4

♦ K Q 8 5

♣ 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A 9 8 7 6 3

♠ J 9 8 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ A J 4
♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

5 ♠ by North

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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 Q.

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

in trumps. So she stops at 5 .

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 8 6

♥ -

♦ J T 9 4 2

♣ Q T 6 3

♠ 7 3 2

♥ A K Q 8 6 4

♦ 5 3

♣ 8 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 5

♥ T 7 3 2

♦ Q 8

♣ K J 9 2

♠ A K 4

♥ J 9 5

♦ A K 7 6

♣ A 5 4

West	North	East	South
	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

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

just confuse matters when NORTH shows two Key Cards.

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

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

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