

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

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



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

16  
3 7  
14

♠ K 9 3  
♥ A 10 6  
♦ A 9 8 6 2  
♣ K 9

West	North	East	South
			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<sup>♠</sup>, the best approach for SOUTH is to agree on

the trump suit immediately but indicate a minimum hand by bidding 4<sup>♠</sup>.

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 <sup>♠</sup>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

None Vul

♠ 9 5	♠ Q J 6	♠ A K
♥ A K 9 8 7 4 2	♥ 10 5	♥ Q J 3
♦ 7 3	♦ 10 9 8 6 2	♦ A K Q 5
♣ 8 7	♣ K 5 4	♣ A 9 6 2
	♠ 10 8 7 4 3 2	
	♥ 6	
	♦ J 4	
	♣ Q J 10 3	
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
5 ♥	Pass	7 NT
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

♠

suit.

WEST's reply to RKCB is 5

♠

, showing two Key Cards.

EAST knows they are the

♠

A

♠

K

so she can count thirteen tricks.

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

♠

with a 6-card suit.

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

11  
4 5  
20

West

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



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

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♠ by South

3 ♠

5 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

4 NT

5 ♠

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>th</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

3  
18 14  
5

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

♠ 10 7 2  
♥ J 10 8 4 2  
♦ 9 2  
♣ Q 10 2



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

♠ K Q 5  
♥ A Q 9 6  
♦ 7 6 4  
♣ K 9 6

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.