

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 4

♥ 9 4 3

♦ T 9 8 7 3

♣ 5 4

♠ K Q 7

♥ J 6

♦ A 6 4

♣ Q J T 8 7



♠ J T 9 5 3 2

♥ A T 5

♦ J 5 2

♣ 2

♠ 6

♥ K Q 8 7 2

♦ K Q

♣ A K 9 6 3

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

5♣ by North

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

s and h have been swapped.

Again, SOUTH has no problem as long as NORTH holds at least one Key-card.

When NORTH responds 5 (showing one Key-card), SOUTH can pass.

That's what happens here.

Board 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 4
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ 9 7 5
♣ T 7 6 3

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6

♣ A K 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3

♥ K 8 5 2

♦ T 8 4 3 2

♣ 8 4 2

♠ A 9 6

♥ Q J T 3

♦ A Q J

♣ Q J 9

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

6 ♠ by North

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NORTH needs to know how many Aces SOUTH holds.

One way to find out would be to bid 3 (which is forcing), then launch Blackwood.

Another way is to bid 4 (Gerber) right now.

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

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6 2
♥ 9 4 3 2
♦ A 9 7 6 3 2
♣ 5

♠ K Q 8 7 4 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ -

♣ 9 7 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9
♥ J T 8 6
♦ Q J T 8 4
♣ T 8 3

♠ A J T 5
♥ A K
♦ K 5
♣ A K Q J 4

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

All Pass

7 ♠ by South

Grand.

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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

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

and a

void!

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SOUTH readjusts her thinking and decides to bid the

Board 4

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 8 4

♥ 4

♦ J 8 7 5 2

♣ A T 5 2

♠ K Q 3

♥ K T 9 3

♦ A 6

♣ K Q 9 6



♠ J 9 7 5 2

♥ J 6

♦ T 9 4

♣ J 4 3

♠ A 6

♥ A Q 8 7 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 8 7

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

6♥ by North

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SOUTH jumps in

s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

NORTH has great

support so bids RKCB 4NT.

SOUTH responds 5 showing two Key Cards and the

Q.

That is enough for NORTH to bid the slam.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9
♥ T 6 4 3 2
♦ J 9 7 3 2
♣ 9 5

♠ K T 7 5 3 2

♥ 8

♦ K 8 6

♣ A Q 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 8
♥ J 9 7 5
♦ Q T 4
♣ T 8 7 2

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ A K Q
♦ A 5
♣ K J 6 3

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

7NT by North

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When SOUTH agrees to 5, NORTH will not stop short of a slam.

The RKCB 4NT bid tells NORTH that they have all five Key Cards since SOUTH could hardly have a 2 opening hand with no Aces.

NORTH's 5

bid is the Queen Ask, and SOUTH's reply confirms that she holds

the Q and also has the K.

NORTH figures the suit will run, and this should be enough for Grand Slam. He chooses 7NT.

Board 6

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 4 2

♥ A T 9 7 5 4

♦ 9 8

♣ 8 3

♠ Q 8 6

♥ Q J 3

♦ A J 5

♣ A J 6 5



♠ T 9

♥ K 6 2

♦ T 6 4 3

♣ T 9 7 2

♠ A K 7 5 3

♥ 8

♦ K Q 7 2

♣ K Q 4

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

6 ♠ by South

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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 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 Q.

She bids 6 (and hopes for a 3-2 trump split!).