

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

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

13
 6 4
 17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♦ by North

♠ A J 7

♥ J 6

♦ Q J 10 8 7

♣ A 6 4



♠ 6

♥ K Q 8 7 2

♦ A K 9 6 3

♣ K Q

North

2 ♦

5 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 NT

6 ♦

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

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

s, the

last-bid suit prior to 4 NT is agreed. NORTH has two Key-cards plus the trump Queen, so she bids $5\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

SOUTH bids 6

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

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

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

over the $5\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ reply.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

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

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

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

♠TM!

s and ♠TMEs have been swapped.

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

When EAST responds 5♠TM£, (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

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6

♣ A K 5



♠ A 9 6
 ♥ Q J 10 3
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ Q J 9

North

4 ♣

6 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

4 ♠

Pass

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.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9

♥ J 8 6 4 3 2

♦ Q 8 6 4 3

♣ 3

♠ K Q 8 7 4 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ —

♣ 9 7 6 2



♠ A J 10 5

♥ A K

♦ K 5

♣ A K Q J 4

♠ 6 2

♥ 10 9

♦ A J 10 9 7 2

♣ 10 8 5

3
7 25
5

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

6 ♦

Pass

7 ♠ by West

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♣

4 NT

7 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

 \hat{a}^{TM}_1

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

and a

 \hat{a}^{TM}_1

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

15
 2 6
 17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

♠ A 6

♥ A Q 8 7 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 8 7

N
 W E
 S

♠ K Q 3

♥ K 10 9 3

♦ A 6

♣ K Q 9 6

North

3 ♥

5 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

4 NT

6 ♥

NORTH jumps in

5♥

s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

SOUTH has great

5♣

support so bids RKCB 4 NT.

NORTH responds 5♠, showing two Key Cards and the

5♣

Q.

That is enough for SOUTH to bid the slam.