

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6 5
♥ 9 7 2
♦ A K 5
♣ 10 7 5 2

16
7 6
11

♠ A K 9 8 4 2
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 8 4
♣ A



♠ Q J 7 3
♥ A J 5
♦ 10 6 3 2
♣ K 4

♠ —
♥ 8 4 3
♦ Q J 9 7
♣ Q J 9 8 6 3

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1 ♠ | Pass | 3 ♠ |
| Pass | 4 ♣ | Pass | 4 ♥ |
| Pass | 4 ♠ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 4 ♠ by North | | | |

NORTH has interest in slam after she hears SOUTH's Limit Raise.

BUT, she should not use Blackwood holding two quick losers in the

♠TM!

suit.

Instead she makes a Control showing bid of 4♠TM£. (Not Gerber since it didn't follow a NT bid.)

SOUTH cooperates by making a Control bid of 4

♠TM¥

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NORTH stops at 4♠TM because neither partner controls

♠TM!

s.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ A K 9 6 3
♣ K Q

6
17 13
4

West

1 ♥

4 NT

6 ♦

6 ♦ by East

♠ Q 10 9
♥ A 10 9 5 4
♦ 5 4
♣ 8 7 3



♠ K 8 5 4 3 2
♥ 3
♦ 2
♣ J 10 9 5 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♦

5 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

WEST decides it is unlikely that EAST is Aceless, so all he wants to know is the number of Aces EAST does have.

He invokes RKC Blackwood.

Since no trump suit has been agreed, EAST bids as if

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

s, the

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

WEST bids 6

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

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If EAST had just one Key-card, WEST would bid 5

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

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

Deal 3

North Deals ♠ 6
 None Vul ♥ K Q 8 7 2
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ A K 9 6 3

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

17 ♠ K Q 7
 6 4 ♥ J 6
 13 ♦ A 6 4
 ♣ Q J 10 8 7

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

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

♠TM

s and ♠TMs have been swapped.

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

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

That's what happens here.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 6
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9

4
17 16
3

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 NT | Pass | 4 ♣ | Pass |
| 4 ♠ | Pass | 6 ♠ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |
| 6 ♠ by West | | | |

♠ 10 4 3
♥ A 9 6 5 2
♦ 5 2
♣ 7 4 2



♠ —
♥ K 8 7
♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3
♣ 10 8 6 3

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2
♥ 4
♦ K 6
♣ A K 5

EAST needs to know how many Aces WEST holds.

One way to find out would be to bid 3^{â™™}, (which is forcing), then launch Blackwood.

Another way is to bid 4^{â™™}£ (Gerber) right now.

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