

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 4 3
♥ A 10 9 4 3
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 5 2

13
4 6
17

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♣ by North

♠ K Q 7

♥ J 6

♦ A 6 4

♣ Q J 10 8 7



♠ 6

♥ K Q 8 7 2

♦ K Q

♣ A K 9 6 3

♠ A J 10 9 8 2

♥ 5

♦ J 10 8 7 3

♣ 4

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

♠TM₁

s and ♠TMEs have been swapped.

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

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

That's what happens here.

1 ♥

4 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♣

5 ♣

Deal 2

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 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 8 7 4 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ —

♣ 9 7 6 2

♠ 6 2

♥ 10 9

♦ A J 10 9 7 2

♣ 10 8 5



♠ 9

♥ J 8 6 4 3 2

♦ Q 8 6 4 3

♣ 3

♠ A J 10 5

♥ A K

♦ K 5

♣ A K Q J 4

7
5 3
25

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

6 ♦

Pass

4 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 ♠

7 ♠ by North

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

 $\hat{a}^{TM!}_1$

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

and a

 $\hat{a}^{TM!}_1$

void!

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SOUTH readjusts her thinking and decides to bid the Grand.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 4 2

♥ —

♦ J 10 9 8 5 4

♣ A J 5 3

17
6 2

15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ K Q 3

♥ K 10 9 3

♦ A 6

♣ K Q 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 6

♥ A Q 8 7 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 8 7

North

1 NT

4 NT

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♥

5 ♠

Pass

SOUTH jumps in

5♠

s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

NORTH has great

5♠

support so bids RKCB 4 NT.

SOUTH responds 5♠, showing two Key Cards and the

5♠

Q.

That is enough for NORTH to bid the slam.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ —
 ♥ 10 7 6 2
 ♦ Q J 10 7 4 2
 ♣ 10 8 5

12
 3 2
 23

♠ K 10 7 5 3 2

♥ 8

♦ K 8 6

♣ A Q 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ A K Q

♦ A 5

♣ K J 6 3

♠ J 9 8

♥ J 9 5 4 3

♦ 9 3

♣ 9 7 2

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

When SOUTH agrees to \hat{a}^{TM} s, NORTH will not stop short of a slam.

The RKCB 4 NT bid tells NORTH that they have all five Key Cards since SOUTH could hardly

have a $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£}$ opening hand with no Aces.

NORTH's 5

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{¥}$

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

the \hat{a}^{TM} Q, and also has the $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£K}$.

NORTH figures the \hat{a}^{TM} suit will run, and this should be enough for Grand Slam. He chooses 7 NT.

Deal 6

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q J 3
♦ A J 5
♣ A J 6 5

♠ 2
♥ K 10 5 4 2
♦ 10 8 6 3
♣ 10 8 3



♠ J 10 9 4
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ 9 4
♣ 9 7 2

15
3 5
17

♠ A K 7 5 3
♥ 8
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ K Q 4

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

6 ♠ by South

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 \hat{a}^{TM} s, 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 \hat{a}^{TM} Q.

She bids 6 \hat{a}^{TM} (and hopes for a 3-2 trump split!).