

Deal 1 ♠ A 9 7 2
 South Deals ♥ Q J 5 3
 None Vul ♦ Q J 7 5 3
 ♣ —

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



10
10 7
13
 ♠ K 5
 ♥ A K 9 7 6 2
 ♦ K 8
 ♣ 7 6 4

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

When NORTH makes a Splinter bid,
 showing

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support and â™£ shortness,

SOUTH naturally thinks about slam.

She uses RKCB 4 NT, and NORTH, with
 one Key Card and a â™£ Void, bids
 6â™£.

Just what SOUTH needed for the 6

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bid.

Deal 2South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 7
♥ J 8 2
♦ 10 3 2
♣ A 9 8 7 4

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



♠ J 5 4
♥ 7 6 3
♦ J 9 7
♣ 10 6 5 3

♠ Q 9 8 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ A 6 4
♣ K Q J

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | | 1 NT |
| Pass | 2 ♣ | Pass | 2 ♠ |
| Pass | 4 NT | Pass | 5 ♠ |
| Pass | 6 ♠ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 6 ♠ by South | | | |

NORTH thinks they should be in slam, and uses Stayman to check for a 4-4 Major fit.

When SOUTH announces four \hat{a}^{TM} 's NORTH uses RKCB 4 NT.

SOUTH's 5 \hat{a}^{TM} bid shows two Key Cards plus the \hat{a}^{TM} Q.

This fills the holes in NORTH's hand nicely, so she bids 6 \hat{a}^{TM} .

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 7 5
♥ J 8 7
♦ 10 9 2
♣ A 10 8 4

¹⁷
5 2
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♠ A K 6 3
♥ K Q 10 4
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ 2



♠ Q 4
♥ 6 3 2
♦ 7 6 3
♣ 9 7 6 5 3

♠ J 9 8 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ A J 4
♣ K Q J

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | | 1 NT |
| Pass | 2 ♣ | Pass | 2 ♠ |
| Pass | 4 NT | Pass | 5 ♥ |
| Pass | 5 ♠ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 5 ♠ by South | | | |

This is the companion hand to Deal 18.

Again, NORTH uses RKCB after the 4-4 fit is discovered.

This time SOUTH shows two Key Cards without the â™ Q.

Now NORTH realizes that in addition to one outside Ace, there is a very possible loser

in trumps. So she stops at 5â™ .

Deal 4

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|----------------|----------------|------|-------|
| | ♠ 7 3 2 | | |
| North Deals | ♥ A K Q 8 6 4 | | |
| None Vul | ♦ 5 3 | | |
| | ♣ 8 7 | | |
| ♠ Q J 10 9 8 5 | ♠ 6 | | |
| ♥ — | ♥ 10 7 3 2 | | |
| ♦ Q J 9 4 2 | ♦ 10 8 | | |
| ♣ 3 2 | ♣ K Q J 10 9 6 | | |
| | ♠ A K 4 | | |
| 9 | ♥ J 9 5 | | |
| 6 6 | ♦ A K 7 6 | | |
| 19 | ♣ A 5 4 | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| | 2 ♥ | Pass | 2 NT |
| Pass | 3 NT | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 3 NT by South | | | |

The chances of a slam on this hand are very small, and if SOUTH decides to use RKCB it will

just confuse matters when NORTH shows two Key Cards.

SOUTH has a better way to find out about the hand. She bids 2 NT asking NORTH to further describe

his hand. NORTH should then bid 3 NT, showing a solid suit headed by AKQ.

NORTH cannot have as much as an extra Jack, so SOUTH just passes 3 NT.