

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 5
♥ 9 8 7 4 2
♦ K Q J 9
♣ T 7

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ A J 5

♦ T 6 3 2

♣ K 4



♠ A K 9 8 4 2
♥ K Q T 6
♦ 8 4
♣ A

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 5
SOUTH has interest in slam after she hears
NORTH's Limit Raise.

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

suit.

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

NORTH cooperates by making a Control bid of 4
1♠
4♣
4♠
.

SOUTH stops at 4 because neither partner controls

S.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 5 4 2

♥ 4 3

♦ -

♣ T 9 7 5 3 2

♠ 6

♥ K Q 8 7 2

♦ A K 9 6 3

♣ K Q



♠ T 9 8 3

♥ A T 9 5

♦ 5 4 2

♣ J 8

♠ A J 7

♥ J 6

♦ Q J T 8 7

♣ A 6 4

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

6♦ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 6

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

He invokes RKC Blackwood.

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

s, the

last-bid suit prior to 4NT is agreed. SOUTH has two Key-cards plus the trump Queen, so she bids 5 .

NORTH bids 6

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

over the 5 reply.

Board 3

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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

5♣ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 7

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

s and have been swapped.

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

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

That's what happens here.

Board 4

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
			1NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

6 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 8
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.