

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 3
♥ K Q 6
♦ 6 3 2
♣ J 10 8 6 3

♠ K Q J 9 6

♥ 4

♦ K Q J 7

♣ A K Q

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W		E	
	S		

♠ 7 5 2
♥ J 10 9 5 2
♦ A 8 4
♣ 9 4

♠ A 8 4
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ 10 9 5
♣ 7 5 2

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

2 NT shows a balanced hand with 8+ points, and when SOUTH then supports â™ s

NORTH makes a slam try.

NORTH bids RKC Blackwood 4 NT. SOUTH shows two Keycards (two Aces) and NORTH bids 6â™ .

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ K J
 ♥ Q J 8 5
 ♦ Q 10 9 7
 ♣ Q 4 2

4
 11 20
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West
 3 ♥
 5 ♦
 Pass
 5 ♥ by East

♠ 9 8 5 4
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ 6 5 4
 ♣ 9 7 6 3



♠ A Q 7
 ♥ K 10 7 4 2
 ♦ K J 3
 ♣ A K

♠ 10 6 3 2
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ A 8 2
 ♣ J 10 8 5

North East South
 Pass 1 ♥ Pass
 Pass 4 NT Pass
 Pass 5 ♥ Pass

WEST has a decent Limit Raise, and EAST tries RKC Blackwood.

WEST replies to the 4 NT bid with 5

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, zero or three Keycards.

So which is it, zero or three?

Pretty simple - since EAST holds three Keycards himself WEST can hardly have three also since there

are only five total. She must have zero and EAST signs off at 5

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Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ J 9 4

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5 2
16

♠ K 10 7 4
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ A 6
♣ A 3

♠ J
W N E
S ♠ 10 3 2
♦ J 8 5 4
♣ 10 8 7 6 2

♠ A Q 8 6 3 2
♥ 5
♦ K Q 7
♣ K Q 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♠ by South			

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NORTH jumps to 6â™, confident that SOUTH could make 10 tricks

even if he just has 6 points.

SOUTH knows he can make more and bids RKCB 4 NT.

NORTH's 5

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response shows zero or three Keycards.

So which is it? Zero or three?

NORTH bid much too strongly to have no Aces. SOUTH

bids a confident 6â™, knowing NORTH has either three Aces or two Aces plus the

Deal 4
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ 6 ♥ A K 9 7 5 4 ♦ 6 ♣ K Q J 10 3 7 13 10	♠ 8 3 2 ♥ J 6 ♦ Q 10 3 2 ♣ A 8 7 6 ♠ A 7 5 ♥ Q 10 8 3 ♦ A 8 5 4 ♣ 9 2 ♠ K Q J 10 9 4 ♥ 2 ♦ K J 9 7 ♣ 5 4
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<i>West</i> 1 ♥ 4 NT 6 ♥ 6 ♥ by West	<i>North</i> Pass Pass Pass	<i>East</i> 3 ♥ 5 ♠ Pass	<i>South</i> Pass Pass Pass
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With eleven cards in the "round" suits WEST has a lot of playing strength. So when EAST bids

a Limit Raise in

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s WEST wants to know about Aces.

RKCBlackwood tells him that EAST has two Aces plus the trump Queen, so WEST can see that 6

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is practically a certainty.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 5
♥ 9 7 2
♦ A K 5
♣ 10 7 5 2

16
7 6
11

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W E
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♠ —
♥ 8 4 3
♦ Q J 9 7
♣ Q J 9 8 6 3

♠ Q J 7 3
♥ A J 5
♦ 10 6 3 2
♣ K 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	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

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suit.

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

SOUTH cooperates by making a Control bid of 4

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NORTH stops at 4â™ because neither partner controls

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