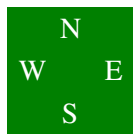


Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8
♥ J 9 7 5
♦ Q T 4
♣ T 8 7 2

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ A K Q
♦ A 5
♣ K J 6 3



♠ 9
♥ T 6 4 3 2
♦ J 9 7 3 2
♣ 9 5

♠ K T 7 5 3 2
♥ 8
♦ K 8 6
♣ A Q 4

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

7NT by South

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When NORTH agrees to 4NT, SOUTH will not stop short of a slam.

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

have a 2 opening hand with no Aces.

SOUTH's 5

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

the ♠Q and also has the ♠K.

SOUTH figures the ♠ suit will run, and this should be enough for Grand Slam. He chooses 7NT.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 4 2
 ♥ A T 9 7 5 4
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ 8 3

♠ Q 8 6

♥ Q J 3

♦ A J 5

♣ A J 6 5

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♠ T 9

♥ K 6 2

♦ T 6 4 3

♣ T 9 7 2

♠ A K 7 5 3

♥ 8

♦ K Q 7 2

♣ K Q 4

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

6♠ by South

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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 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 Q.

She bids 6 (and hopes for a 3-2 trump split!).

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 4
 ♥ Q 4 3
 ♦ K J T 7 5
 ♣ T 7 2

♠ K 9 3

♥ A T 6

♦ A 9 8 6 2

♣ K 9

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 8

♥ J 9 7 5

♦ 4 3

♣ Q J 6 4 3

♠ A Q J 6 5 2

♥ K 8 2

♦ Q

♣ A 8 5

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

6♠ by South

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When SOUTH makes a slam try with a jump to 3 ,
 the best approach for NORTH is to agree on

the trump suit immediately but indicate a minimum
 hand by bidding 4 .

SOUTH's next move is logical; RKCB 4NT.

NORTH shows zero or three Key Cards, and since it
 could not possibly be zero, SOUTH knows they are

the ~~K~~ and both red Aces. Even possessing all the
 Key Cards SOUTH knows there aren't

enough points for a Grand slam.

Board 4

North Deals

Both Vul

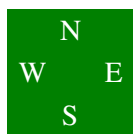
♠ T 8 7 6 3 2
♥ T
♦ J 6 4 2
♣ K J

♠ 9 5

♥ A K 9 8 7 4 2

♦ 7 3

♣ 8 7



♠ Q J 4

♥ 6 5

♦ T 9 8

♣ Q T 5 4 3

♠ A K

♥ Q J 3

♦ A K Q 5

♣ A 9 6 2

West

North

East

South

3♥

Pass

4NT

Pass

5♥

Pass

7NT

All Pass

7NT by South

K

so she can count thirteen tricks.

She bids a confident 7NT (and hopes NORTH didn't open 3

with a 6-card suit.

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It is usually not recommended to use any form of Blackwood when you have a suit with two quick

losers, but SOUTH knows NORTH would not preempt with a 10-high

suit.

NORTH's reply to RKCB is 5

, showing two Key Cards.

SOUTH knows they are the

A

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K
 ♥ J T 5 4
 ♦ J T 9 5 4
 ♣ 6 4 2

♠ J 9 6 4 3

♥ A Q 3

♦ Q 7

♣ Q 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ T 9 8 7

♠ Q T 8 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ A K 3

♣ A K J

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 ♠
All Pass			

5 ♠ by South

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SOUTH has 21 points, and when she hears NORTH make a limit raise she tries for slam with RKCB.

NORTH answers with just one Key Card so SOUTH stops at 5 knowing they are missing

two Key Cards.

Of course she didn't expect the two missing Key Cards to be the Ace and King of trumps!