

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

16  
7 6  
11

♠ A K 9 8 4 2  
♥ K Q 10 6  
♦ 8 4  
♣ A



♠ Q J 7 3  
♥ A J 5  
♦ 10 6 3 2  
♣ K 4

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

| West         | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|
|              | 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

♠<sup>TM</sup>!

suit.

Instead she makes a Control showing bid of 4♠<sup>TM</sup>£. (Not Gerber since it didn't follow a NT bid.)

SOUTH cooperates by making a Control bid of 4

♠<sup>TM</sup>¥

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NORTH stops at 4♠<sup>TM</sup> because neither partner controls

♠<sup>TM</sup>!

s.

**Deal 2**

North Deals ♠ 6  
 None Vul ♥ K Q 8 7 2  
 ♦ A K 9 6 3  
 ♣ K Q

♠ K 8 5 4 3 2 ♠ Q 10 9  
 ♥ 3 ♥ A 10 9 5 4  
 ♦ 2 ♦ 5 4  
 ♣ J 10 9 5 2 ♣ 8 7 3

17  
 4 6  
 13  
 ♠ A J 7  
 ♥ J 6  
 ♦ Q J 10 8 7  
 ♣ A 6 4

| West         | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|
|              | 1 ♥   | Pass | 2 ♦   |
| Pass         | 4 NT  | Pass | 5 ♠   |
| Pass         | 6 ♦   | Pass | Pass  |
| Pass         |       |      |       |
| 6 ♦ by South |       |      |       |

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

â™™!

s, the

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

NORTH bids 6

â™™!

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

â™™!

over the 5â™™£ reply.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4 3

♥ A 10 9 4 3

♦ 9 5 2

♣ 5 2

13  
4 6  
17

West

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

North

2 ♣

5 ♣

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 NT

Pass

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

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}_i$ 

s and  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}_E$ s have been swapped.

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

When NORTH responds  $5\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}_E$ , (showing one Key-card), SOUTH can pass.

That's what happens here.

**Deal 4**

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<sup>♠</sup>,  
 (which is forcing), then launch  
 Blackwood.

Another way is to bid 4<sup>♠</sup> (Gerber)  
 right now.

The first way is probably better but we  
 needed a Gerber example.