

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 3  
♥ K Q 6  
♦ 6 3 2  
♣ J 10 8 6 3

21  
6 5  
8

*West*

♠ K Q J 9 6  
♥ 4  
♦ K Q J 7  
♣ A K Q



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

*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 2 NT.

NORTH makes a slam try.

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

**Deal 2**

East Deals  
None Vul

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

4  
11 20  
5

West

3 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

5 ♥ by East

♠ 9 8 5 4  
♥ A 3  
♦ 6 5 4  
♣ 9 7 6 3



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

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4 NT

5 ♥

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

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

WEST replies to the 4 NT bid with 5

♠<sup>TM</sup>!

, 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

♠<sup>TM</sup>¥

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**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 5  
♥ A 9 7 6  
♦ 10 9 3 2  
♣ J 9 4

17  
5 2  
16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

♠ K 10 7 4  
♥ K Q J 8 4  
♦ A 6  
♣ A 3



♠ A Q 8 6 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ K Q 7  
♣ K Q 5

North

1 ♥

4 ♠

5 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

NORTH jumps to 4<sup>♠</sup>, 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

<sup>♠</sup>

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 6<sup>♠</sup>, knowing NORTH has either three Aces or two Aces plus the

<sup>♠</sup> K.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3 2

♥ J 6

♦ Q 10 3 2

♣ A 8 7 6

♠ 6

♥ A K 9 7 5 4

♦ 6

♣ K Q J 10 3

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♠ 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

7  
13 10  
10

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♠

Pass

6 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by West

With eleven cards in the "round" suits  
WEST has a lot of playing strength. So  
when EAST bids

a Limit Raise in

♠

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

♠

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

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

W N E S

♠ 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

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>!

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