

Board 1

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		♠ T 8
W		♥ J 9 7 5	
	E		♦ 4 3
	S		♣ 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 Knd both red Aces. Even possessing all the Key Cards SOUTH knows there aren't

enough points for a Grand slam.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S 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

	N	E
W		E
	S	

♠ 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			

7 NT 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 3

South Deals
E-W 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!

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 4 3
♥ 8 4 2
♦ J 9
♣ Q T 8 2

♠ K Q 5

♥ A Q 9 6

♦ 7 6 4

♣ K 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 7 2
♥ J T 3
♦ A T 8 2
♣ 7 4 3

♠ A J 6
♥ K 7 5
♦ K Q 5 3
♣ A J 5

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

4NT by North

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What is this doing here in the RKCB Practice Pages?

To emphasize that there are many 4NT bids which are NOT asking for Aces.

In this case, SOUTH showed a balanced hand with 18 or 19 points, and NORTH invited him

to bid 6NT if he felt his hand was a "maximum". He didn't, so he passed.