

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ K J T 6 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ J T 9

♠ A 8 4

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ T 9 5

♣ 7 5 2

	N	
W		E
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♠ T 7 3
♥ Q 9 5
♦ A 4 3
♣ 8 6 4 3

♠ K Q J 9 6
♥ 4
♦ K Q J 7
♣ A K Q

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

6 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 1
2NT shows a balanced hand with 8+ points, and
when NORTH then supports s

SOUTH makes a slam try.

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

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 4 2
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ J 9

♠ K J

♥ Q J 8 5

♦ Q T 9 7

♣ Q 4 2



♠ T 9 8 5 3
♥ -
♦ A 4
♣ T 8 7 6 5 3

♠ A Q 7
♥ K T 7 4 2
♦ K J 3
♣ A K

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥

All Pass

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 2

NORTH has a decent Limit Raise, and SOUTH tries RKC Blackwood.

NORTH replies to the 4NT bid with 5

, zero or three Keycards.

So which is it, zero or three?

Pretty simple - since SOUTH holds three Keycards himself NORTH can hardly have three also since there

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

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Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5
♥ A 6 3 2
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 8 6 4 2

♠ K T 7 4

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ A 6

♣ A 3



♠ A Q 8 6 3 2
♥ 5
♦ K Q 7
♣ K Q 5

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

6 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 3

NORTH jumps to 4 confident that SOUTH could make 10 tricks

even if he just has 6 points.

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

NORTH's 5

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 knowing NORTH has either three Aces or two Aces plus the K.

Board 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 4 3
♥ J 6 2
♦ K 9 3
♣ A 8 5

♠ A 7 5

♥ Q T 8 3
♦ A 8 5 4

♣ 9 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K J T 9 2
♥ -
♦ Q J T 7 2
♣ 7 6 4

♠ 6
♥ A K 9 7 5 4
♦ 6
♣ K Q J T 3

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

All Pass

6♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 4

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

a Limit Raise in

s SOUTH wants to know about Aces.

RKCB Blackwood tells him that NORTH has two Aces plus the trump Queen, so SOUTH can see that 6

is practically a certainty.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 6 5
♥ 9 8 7 4 2
♦ K Q J 9
♣ T 7

♠ Q J 7 3

♥ A J 5

♦ T 6 3 2

♣ K 4



♠ A K 9 8 4 2
♥ K Q T 6
♦ 8 4
♣ A

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			.

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 5
SOUTH has interest in slam after she hears
NORTH's Limit Raise.

BUT, she should not use Blackwood holding two
quick losers in the

suit.

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

NORTH cooperates by making a Control bid of 4

S.

SOUTH stops at 4 because neither partner controls

Board 6

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 5 4 2
♥ 4 3
♦ -
♣ T 9 7 5 3 2

♠ 6

♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ A K 9 6 3

♣ K Q

N
W
E
S

♠ T 9 8 3
♥ A T 9 5
♦ 5 4 2
♣ J 8

♠ A J 7
♥ J 6
♦ Q J T 8 7
♣ A 6 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

6♦ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 6

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

s, the

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

NORTH bids 6

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

over the 5 reply.