

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 4
♥ J 9 7
♦ K J 4 3
♣ Q 10 3

14
7 3
16

♠ K 9 3
♥ A 10 6
♦ A 9 8 6 2
♣ K 9

N
W E
S

♠ 10
♥ Q 5 4 3
♦ 10 7 5
♣ J 7 6 4 2

♠ A Q J 6 5 2
♥ K 8 2
♦ Q
♣ A 8 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♠ by South

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

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

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

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

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

enough points for a Grand slam.

Deal 2

North Deals	♠ 9 5
None Vul	♥ A K 9 8 7 4 2
	♦ 7 3
	♣ 8 7

♠ 10 8 7 4 3 2	♠ Q J 6
♥ 6	♥ 10 5
♦ J 4	♦ 10 9 8 6 2
♣ Q J 10 3	♣ K 5 4



♠ A K
♥ Q J 3
♦ A K Q 5
♣ A 9 6 2

West	North	East	South
	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
7 NT by South			

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

â™¥

suit.

NORTH's reply to RKCB is 5

â™¥

, showing two Key Cards.

SOUTH knows they are the

â™¥

A

â™¥

K

so she can count thirteen tricks.

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

â™¥

with a 6-card suit.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

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

¹¹
 4 5
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♠ J 9 6 4 3

♥ A Q 3

♦ Q 7

♣ Q 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A
 ♥ J 9 8 2
 ♦ 6 4 2
 ♣ 10 9 7 6 2

♠ Q 10 8 7 5
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ A K 3
 ♣ A K J

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

5 ♠ by South

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^{â™}, 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!

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 7 2
♥ J 10 8 4 2
♦ 9 2
♣ Q 10 2

14
3 5
18

♠ K Q 5
♥ A Q 9 6
♦ 7 6 4
♣ K 9 6

♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ 3
♦ A J 10 8
♣ 8 7 4 3

W N E
S

♠ A J 6
♥ K 7 5
♦ K Q 5 3
♣ A J 5

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

4 NT by South

What is this doing here in the RKCB Practice Pages?

To emphasize that there are many 4 NT 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 6 NT if he felt his hand was a "maximum". He didn't, so he passed.