

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 4

♥ 9 4 3

♦ T 9 8 7 3

♣ 5 4

♠ K Q 7

♥ J 6

♦ A 6 4

♣ Q J T 8 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J T 9 5 3 2

♥ A T 5

♦ J 5 2

♣ 2

♠ 6

♥ K Q 8 7 2

♦ K Q

♣ A K 9 6 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	5♣	All Pass	4NT

5♣ by North

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

s and h have been swapped.

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

When NORTH responds 5 (showing one Key-card), SOUTH can pass.

That's what happens here.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6

♣ A K 5

♠ 3

♥ K 8 5 2

♦ T 8 4 3 2

♣ 8 4 2

	N	
	W	E
	S	

♠ A 9 6

♥ Q J T 3

♦ A Q J

♣ Q J 9

♠ T 4

♥ A 9 7 6

♦ 9 7 5

♣ T 7 6 3

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

6 ♠ by West

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WEST needs to know how many Aces EAST holds.

One way to find out would be to bid 3 (which is forcing), then launch Blackwood.

Another way is to bid 4 (Gerber) right now.

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

Board 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9
♥ J T 8 6
♦ Q J T 8 4
♣ T 8 3

♠ A J T 5

♥ A K

♦ K 5

♣ A K Q J 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 2

♥ 9 4 3 2

♦ A 9 7 6 3 2

♣ 5

♠ K Q 8 7 4 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ -

♣ 9 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

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SOUTH's positive response shows 8+ points and five or more cards headed by at least two honors.

NORTH figures a small slam would be safe, but just to be sure she uses Blackwood.

SOUTH's 6

reply shows one Key-card which must be the trump King,

and a

void!

7 ♠ by North

NORTH readjusts her thinking and decides to bid the Grand.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 6

♥ A Q 8 7 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 8 7

♠ T 8 4

♥ 4

♦ J 8 7 5 2

♣ A T 5 2



♠ J 9 7 5 2

♥ J 6

♦ T 9 4

♣ J 4 3

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

5♠

Pass

6♥

Pass

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WEST jumps in

s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

EAST has great

support so bids RKCB 4NT.

WEST responds 5 showing two Key Cards and the

Q.

That is enough for EAST to bid the slam.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9
♥ T 6 4 3 2
♦ J 9 7 3 2
♣ 9 5

♠ K T 7 5 3 2

♥ 8

♦ K 8 6

♣ A Q 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 8
♥ J 9 7 5
♦ Q T 4
♣ T 8 7 2

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ A K Q
♦ A 5
♣ K J 6 3

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

7NT by North

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When SOUTH agrees to 5NT, NORTH will not stop short of a slam.

The RKCB 4NT bid tells NORTH that they have all five Key Cards since SOUTH could hardly have a 2NT opening hand with no Aces.

NORTH's 5

bid is the Queen Ask, and SOUTH's reply confirms that she holds

the Q and also has the K.

NORTH figures the ♦ suit will run, and this should be enough for Grand Slam. He chooses 7NT.

Board 6

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q J 3
♦ A J 5
♣ A J 6 5

♠ T 9

♥ K 6 2

♦ T 6 4 3

♣ T 9 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 7 5 3
♥ 8
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ K Q 4

♠ J 4 2
♥ A T 9 7 5 4
♦ 9 8
♣ 8 3

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

6 ♠ by East

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EAST knows there are enough points for slam, but she is worried about the trump suit.

WEST's support doesn't guarantee more than three s, and if they are not headed

by the Queen she could lose a trump trick.

Her RKCB bid relieves her mind when EAST claims two Key Cards PLUS the Q.

She bids 6 (and hopes for a 3-2 trump split!).