

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 4 3
♥ A 10 9 4 3
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 5 2

♠ K Q 7
♥ J 6
♦ A 6 4
♣ Q J 10 8 7

♠ A J 10 9 8 2
♥ 5
♦ J 10 8 7 3
♣ 4

W N E S

♠ 6
♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ K Q
♣ A K 9 6 3

West North East South

Pass 2 ♣ Pass 1 ♥
Pass 5 ♣ Pass Pass
Pass
5 ♣ by North

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

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s and â™£s have been swapped.

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

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

That's what happens here.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 4 3
♥ A 9 6 5 2
♦ 5 2
♣ 7 4 2

16
4 3
17

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2
♥ 4
♦ K 6
♣ A K 5

♠ —
♥ K 8 7
♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3
♣ 10 8 6 3

♠ A 9 6
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♣ by South			

NORTH needs to know how many Aces SOUTH holds.

One way to find out would be to bid 3 \hat{a}^{TM} , (which is forcing), then launch Blackwood.

Another way is to bid 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$ (Gerber) right now.

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

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul**♠ 9 7 6 2****♠ 6 2**
♥ 10 9
♦ A J 10 9 7 2
♣ 10 8 5

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

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

7 ♠ by North

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

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

NORTH's 6

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

and a

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void!

SOUTH readjusts her thinking and decides to bid the Grand.

Deal 4
 North Deals
 None Vul

\spadesuit K Q 3 \heartsuit K 10 9 3 \diamond A 6 \clubsuit K Q 9 6	\spadesuit 7 4 2 \heartsuit — \diamond J 10 9 8 5 4 \clubsuit A J 5 3	\spadesuit J 10 9 8 5 \heartsuit J 6 4 \diamond 7 2 \clubsuit 10 4 2
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N
W E
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\spadesuit A 6 \heartsuit 17 \diamond A Q 8 7 5 2 \clubsuit K Q 3
\spadesuit 8 7

<i>West</i> Pass Pass Pass 6 \heartsuit by South	<i>North</i> 1 NT 4 NT 6 \heartsuit	<i>East</i> Pass Pass Pass	<i>South</i> 3 \heartsuit $5\spadesuit$ Pass
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SOUTH jumps in
 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\hat{Y}$

s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

NORTH has great

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\hat{Y}$

support so bids RKCB 4 NT.

SOUTH responds $5\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$, showing two Key Cards and the

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\hat{Y}$

Q.

That is enough for NORTH to bid the slam.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠	K 10 7 5 3 2
♥	8
♦	K 8 6
♣	A Q 4

♠	—
♥	10 7 6 2
♦	Q J 10 7 4 2
♣	10 8 5

12
3 2
23

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

Pass
7 NT by North



♠ A Q 6 4

♥ A K Q

♦ A 5

♣ K J 6 3

♠	J 9 8
♥	J 9 5 4 3
♦	9 3
♣	9 7 2

When SOUTH agrees to a™ s, NORTH will not stop short of a slam.

The RKCB 4 NT bid tells NORTH that they have all five Key Cards since SOUTH could hardly

have a 2a™£ opening hand with no Aces.

NORTH's 5

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

the a™ Q, and also has the a™£K.

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

Deal 6

North Deals	♠ Q 8 6
None Vul	♥ Q J 3
	♦ A J 5
	♣ A J 6 5

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



15	♠ A K 7 5 3
3 5	♥ 8
17	♦ K Q 7 2
	♣ K Q 4

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

6 ♠ by South

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

NORTH'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 SOUTH claims two Key Cards PLUS the ♠ Q.

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