

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ —

♥ 10 7 6 2

♦ Q J 10 7 4 2

♣ 10 8 5

12  
3 2  
23

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by North

♠ K 10 7 5 3 2

♥ 8

♦ K 8 6

♣ A Q 4

♠ N  
♥ W E  
♦ S  
♣

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ A K Q

♦ A 5

♣ K J 6 3

North

2 ♠

4 NT

5 ♥

7 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

3 ♠

5 ♦

6 ♣

Pass

When SOUTH agrees to  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ 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  $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£}$  opening hand with no Aces.

NORTH's 5

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{¥}$

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

the  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  Q, and also has the  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£K}$ .

NORTH figures the  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  suit will run, and this should be enough for Grand Slam. He chooses 7 NT.

**Deal 2**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 8 6  
♥ Q J 3  
♦ A J 5  
♣ A J 6 5

♠ 2  
♥ K 10 5 4 2  
♦ 10 8 6 3  
♣ 10 8 3



♠ J 10 9 4  
♥ A 9 7 6  
♦ 9 4  
♣ 9 7 2

15  
3 5  
17

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

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	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  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ 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  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  Q.

She bids 6 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  (and hopes for a 3-2 trump split!).

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

16  
3 7  
14

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by North

♠ A Q J 6 5 2

♥ K 8 2

♦ Q

♣ A 8 5



♠ K 9 3

♥ A 10 6

♦ A 9 8 6 2

♣ K 9

North

3 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

4 ♠

5 ♦

Pass

When NORTH makes a slam try with a jump to 3<sup>♠</sup>, the best approach for SOUTH is to agree on

the trump suit immediately but indicate a minimum hand by bidding 4<sup>♠</sup>.

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

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

the <sup>♠</sup>K and both red Aces. Even possessing all the Key Cards NORTH knows there aren't

enough points for a Grand slam.

**Deal 4**

North Deals ♠ 9 5

None Vul ♥ A K 9 8 7 4 2

♦ 7 3

♣ 8 7

♠ 10 8 7 4 3 2

♥ 6

♦ J 4

♣ Q J 10 3



♠ Q J 6

♥ 10 5

♦ 10 9 8 6 2

♣ K 5 4

♠ A K

♥ Q J 3

♦ A K Q 5

♣ A 9 6 2

7  
4 6  
23

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

♠

suit.

NORTH's reply to RKCB is 5

♠

, showing two Key Cards.

SOUTH knows they are the

♠

A

♠

K

so she can count thirteen tricks.

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

♠

with a 6-card suit.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ A K 3

♣ A K J

♠ A

♥ J 9 8 2

♦ 6 4 2

♣ 10 9 7 6 2



♠ K 2

♥ 10 7 5 4

♦ J 10 9 8 5

♣ 8 4

♠ J 9 6 4 3

♥ A Q 3

♦ Q 7

♣ Q 5 3

20

5 4

11

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♣

Pass

5 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♠ by North

NORTH has 21 points, and when she hears SOUTH make a limit raise she tries for slam with RKCB.

SOUTH answers with just one Key Card so NORTH stops at 5<sup>th</sup>, 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!