

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9  
♥ J 8 6 4 3 2  
♦ Q 8 6 4 3  
♣ 3

25  
3 5  
7

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

7♠ by South

♠ A J 10 5

♥ A K

♦ K 5

♣ A K Q J 4



♠ K Q 8 7 4 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ —

♣ 9 7 6 2

North

2♣

4NT

7♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2♠

6♦

Pass

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

â™™!

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

and a

â™™!

void!

NORTH readjusts her thinking and decides to bid the Grand.

**Deal 2**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 4 2

♥ —

♦ J 10 9 8 5 4

♣ A J 5 3

17  
6 2

15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ K Q 3

♥ K 10 9 3

♦ A 6

♣ K Q 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 6

♥ A Q 8 7 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 8 7

North

1 NT

4 NT

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♥

5 ♠

Pass

SOUTH jumps in

5♠

s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

NORTH has great

5♠

support so bids RKCB 4 NT.

SOUTH responds 5♠, showing two Key Cards and the

5♠

Q.

That is enough for NORTH to bid the slam.

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 9 8  
♥ J 9 5 4 3  
♦ 9 3  
♣ 9 7 2

23  
2 3  
12

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

♠ A Q 6 4  
♥ A K Q  
♦ A 5  
♣ K J 6 3



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

North

2 ♣

3 ♠

5 ♦

6 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

4 NT

5 ♥

7 NT

When NORTH agrees to  $\hat{A}^{\text{TM}}$  S, SOUTH will not stop short of a slam.

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

have a  $2\hat{A}^{\text{TM}}$  opening hand with no Aces.

SOUTH's 5

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

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

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

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

**Deal 4**

North Deals

None Vul

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

15  
 3 5  
 17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

♠ Q 8 6

♥ Q J 3

♦ A J 5

♣ A J 6 5



♠ A K 7 5 3

♥ 8

♦ K Q 7 2

♣ K Q 4

North

1 NT

4 ♠

5 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

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!).