

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 4 3
♥ A 10 9 4 3
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 5 2

13
4 6
17

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♣ by North

♠ K Q 7

♥ J 6

♦ A 6 4

♣ Q J 10 8 7



♠ 6

♥ K Q 8 7 2

♦ K Q

♣ A K 9 6 3

♠ A J 10 9 8 2

♥ 5

♦ J 10 8 7 3

♣ 4

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

♠TM₁

s and ♠TMEs have been swapped.

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

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

That's what happens here.

1 ♥

4 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♣

5 ♣

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

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

3
16 17
4

| |
|----------------|
| ♠ — |
| ♥ K 8 7 |
| ♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3 |
| ♣ 10 8 6 3 |



| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|-------|------|-------|
| | | 1 NT | Pass |
| 4 ♣ | Pass | 4 ♠ | Pass |
| 6 ♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 6 ♠ by East | | | |

WEST needs to know how many Aces EAST holds.

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

Another way is to bid 4^{NT} (Gerber) right now.

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

Deal 3

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 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6

♥ A Q 8 7 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 8 7

6

15 17

2

West

3 ♥

5 ♠

Pass

6 ♥ by West

♠ 7 4 2

♥ —

♦ J 10 9 8 5 4

♣ A J 5 3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ J 10 9 8 5

♥ J 6 4

♦ 7 2

♣ 10 4 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

4 NT

6 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

WEST jumps in

5TM

s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

EAST has great

5TM

support so bids RKCB 4 NT.

WEST responds 5TM, showing two Key Cards and the5TM

Q.

That is enough for EAST to bid the slam.

Deal 5

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

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

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

Deal 6

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q J 3
♦ A J 5
♣ A J 6 5

5
15 17
3

West
1 NT
4 ♠
5 ♠
Pass
6 ♠ by East

♠ J 10 9 4
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ 9 4
♣ 9 7 2



♠ 2
♥ K 10 5 4 2
♦ 10 8 6 3
♣ 10 8 3

North
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

East
3 ♠
4 NT
6 ♠

South
Pass
Pass
Pass

♠ A K 7 5 3
♥ 8
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ K Q 4

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 \hat{a}^{TM} 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 \hat{a}^{TM} Q.

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