

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 8 3  
♥ A T 9 5  
♦ 5 4 2  
♣ J 8

♠ A J 7

♥ J 6

♦ Q J T 8 7

♣ A 6 4



♠ K Q 5 4 2  
♥ 4 3  
♦ -  
♣ T 9 7 5 3 2

♠ 6  
♥ K Q 8 7 2  
♦ A K 9 6 3  
♣ K Q

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	4NT
All Pass			6♦

6♦ by South

If NORTH had just one Key-card, SOUTH would bid 5

over the 5 reply.

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SOUTH decides it is unlikely that NORTH is Aceless, so all he wants to know is the number of Aces NORTH does have.

He invokes RKC Blackwood.

Since no trump suit has been agreed, NORTH bids as if

s, the

last-bid suit prior to 4NT is agreed. NORTH has two Key-cards plus the trump Queen, so she bids 5 .

SOUTH bids 6

**Board 2**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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



♠ K Q 7

♥ J 6

♦ A 6 4

♣ Q J T 8 7

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

5♣ by South

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

s and have been swapped.

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

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

That's what happens here.

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 3  
♥ K 8 5 2  
♦ T 8 4 3 2  
♣ 8 4 2

♠ A 9 6

♥ Q J T 3

♦ A Q J

♣ Q J 9

N
W
E
S

♠ T 4  
♥ A 9 7 6  
♦ 9 7 5  
♣ T 7 6 3

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

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

6 ♠ by South

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SOUTH needs to know how many Aces NORTH 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 4**

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	

7 ♠ by North

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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!

NORTH readjusts her thinking and decides to bid the Grand.

**Board 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 7 5 2  
 ♥ J 6  
 ♦ T 9 4  
 ♣ J 4 3

♠ A 6

♥ A Q 8 7 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 8 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 8 4  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ J 8 7 5 2  
 ♣ A T 5 2

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

6♥ by South

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 NORTH jumps in

s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

SOUTH has great

support so bids RKCB 4NT.

NORTH responds 5 showing two Key Cards and the

Q.

That is enough for SOUTH to bid the slam.