

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 4
 ♥ Q 4 3
 ♦ K J T 7 5
 ♣ T 7 2

♠ K 9 3

♥ A T 6

♦ A 9 8 6 2

♣ K 9

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♠ T 8

♥ J 9 7 5

♦ 4 3

♣ Q J 6 4 3

♠ A Q J 6 5 2

♥ K 8 2

♦ Q

♣ A 8 5

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

6♠ by South

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When SOUTH makes a slam try with a jump to 3 ,
 the best approach for NORTH is to agree on

the trump suit immediately but indicate a minimum
 hand by bidding 4 .

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

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

the ~~K~~ and both red Aces. Even possessing all the
 Key Cards SOUTH knows there aren't

enough points for a Grand slam.

Board 2

North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ T 8 7 6 3 2
♥ T
♦ J 6 4 2
♣ K J

♠ 9 5
♥ A K 9 8 7 4 2
♦ 7 3
♣ 8 7



♠ Q J 4
♥ 6 5
♦ T 9 8
♣ Q T 5 4 3

♠ A K
♥ Q J 3
♦ A K Q 5
♣ A 9 6 2

West	North	East	South
	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

7NT by South

K

so she can count thirteen tricks.

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

with a 6-card suit.

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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

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K
 ♥ J T 5 4
 ♦ J T 9 5 4
 ♣ 6 4 2

♠ J 9 6 4 3

♥ A Q 3

♦ Q 7

♣ Q 5 3



♠ A 2

♥ 9 8 7 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ T 9 8 7

♠ Q T 8 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ A K 3

♣ A K J

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

5 ♠ by South

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

NORTH answers with just one Key Card so SOUTH stops at 5 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!

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 4 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ J 9

♣ Q T 8 2

♠ K Q 5

♥ A Q 9 6

♦ 7 6 4

♣ K 9 6



♠ 8 7 2

♥ J T 3

♦ A T 8 2

♣ 7 4 3

♠ A J 6

♥ K 7 5

♦ K Q 5 3

♣ A J 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

4NT

All Pass

2NT

4 NT by North

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What is this doing here in the RKCB Practice Pages?

To emphasize that there are many 4NT bids which are NOT asking for Aces.

In this case, SOUTH showed a balanced hand with 18 or 19 points, and NORTH invited him

to bid 6NT if he felt his hand was a "maximum". He didn't, so he passed.