

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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

6♠ by North

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

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

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

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

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

enough points for a Grand slam.

Board 2

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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

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♠ A K

♥ Q J 3

♦ A K Q 5

♣ A 9 6 2

♠ T 8 7 6 3 2

♥ T

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ K J

West

3♥

5♥

North

Pass

Pass

East

4NT

7NT

South

Pass

All Pass

7NT by East

A

K

so she can count thirteen tricks.

She bids a confident 7NT (and hopes WEST 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 EAST knows WEST would not preempt with a 10-high

suit.

WEST's reply to RKCB is 5

, showing two Key Cards.

EAST knows they are the

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

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A J 6
♥ K 7 5
♦ K Q 5 3
♣ A J 5

♠ 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

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

4NT by East

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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, WEST showed a balanced hand with 18 or 19 points, and EAST invited him

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