

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 7 3
♥ Q 9 5
♦ A 4 3
♣ 8 6 4 3

21
6 5
8

♠ K Q J 9 6
♥ 4
♦ K Q J 7
♣ A K Q



♠ A 8 4
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ T 9 5
♣ 7 5 2

♠ 5 2
♥ K J T 6 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ J T 9

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

6 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 1

2NT shows a balanced hand with 8+ points,
and when SOUTH then supports

NORTH makes a slam try.

NORTH bids RKC Blackwood 4NT. SOUTH
shows two Keycards (two Aces) and NORTH
bids 6 .

Deal 2

East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K J
♥ Q J 8 5
♦ Q T 9 7
♣ Q 4 2

4
11 20
5

♠ T 9 8 5 3

♥ -

♦ A 4

♣ T 8 7 6 5 3

W N E S

♠ 6 4 2

♥ A 9 6 3

♦ 8 6 5 2

♣ J 9

♠ A Q 7
♥ K T 7 4 2
♦ K J 3
♣ A K

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

5♥ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 2

WEST has a decent Limit Raise, and EAST tries RKC Blackwood.

WEST replies to the 4NT bid with 5

, zero or three Keycards.

So which is it, zero or three?

Pretty simple - since EAST holds three Keycards himself WEST can hardly have three also since there

are only five total. She must have zero and EAST signs off at 5

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Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 5
♥ A 6 3 2
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 8 6 4 2

17
5 2
16

♠ K T 7 4
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ A 6
♣ A 3



♠ A Q 8 6 3 2
♥ 5
♦ K Q 7
♣ K Q 5

♠ 9
♥ T 9 7
♦ J T 9 3 2
♣ J T 9 7

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

6 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 3

NORTH jumps to 4 confident that SOUTH could make 10 tricks

even if he just has 6 points.

SOUTH knows he can make more and bids RKCB 4NT.

NORTH's 5

response shows zero or three Keycards.

So which is it? Zero or three?

NORTH bid much too strongly to have no Aces. SOUTH

bids a confident 6 ,knowing NORTH has either three Aces or two Aces plus the K.

Deal 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6
♥ A K 9 7 5 4
♦ 6
♣ K Q J T 3

10
13 10
7

♠ Q 8 4 3

♥ J 6 2

♦ K 9 3

♣ A 8 5



♠ K J T 9 2

♥ -

♦ Q J T 7 2

♣ 7 6 4

♠ A 7 5
♥ Q T 8 3
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 9 2

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

6 ♥ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 4

With eleven cards in the "round" suits WEST has a lot of playing strength. So when EAST bids

a Limit Raise in

s WEST wants to know about Aces.

RKCBlackwood tells him that EAST has two Aces plus the trump Queen, so WEST can see that 6

is practically a certainty.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ T
♥ 3
♦ A 7 5
♣ Q J 9 8 6 5 3 2

16
7 6
11

♠ A K 9 8 4 2
♥ K Q T 6
♦ 8 4
♣ A



♠ Q J 7 3
♥ A J 5
♦ T 6 3 2
♣ K 4

♠ 6 5
♥ 9 8 7 4 2
♦ K Q J 9
♣ T 7

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

controls

s.

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 5

NORTH has interest in slam after she hears SOUTH's Limit Raise.

BUT, she should not use Blackwood holding two quick losers in the

suit.

Instead she makes a Control showing bid of 4 .
(Not Gerber since it didn't follow a NT bid.)

SOUTH cooperates by making a Control bid of 4

NORTH stops at 4 because neither partner

Deal 6

West Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 6
♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ A K 9 6 3
♣ K Q

5
17 13
5

♠ T 9 8 3
♥ A T 9 5
♦ 5 4 2
♣ J 8



♠ K Q 5 4 2
♥ 4 3
♦ -
♣ T 9 7 5 3 2

♠ A J 7
♥ J 6
♦ Q J T 8 7
♣ A 6 4

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

6 ♦ by West

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If EAST had just one Key-card, WEST would bid 5

over the 5 reply.

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 6

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

He invokes RKC Blackwood.

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

s, the

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

WEST bids 6

Deal 7

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J T 9 5 3 2
♥ A T 5
♦ J 5 2
♣ 2

17
6 4
13

♠ 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

♠ A 8 4
♥ 9 4 3
♦ T 9 8 7 3
♣ 5 4

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

5 ♣ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 7

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.

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 6
♥ Q J T 3
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9

4
17 16
3

♠ T 4
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ 9 7 5
♣ T 7 6 3



♠ 3
♥ K 8 5 2
♦ T 8 4 3 2
♣ 8 4 2

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2
♥ 4
♦ K 6
♣ A K 5

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 8

EAST needs to know how many Aces WEST 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.

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

6 ♠ by East

Deal 9

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6 2
♥ 9 4 3 2
♦ A 9 7 6 3 2
♣ 5

7
4 4
25

♠ K Q 8 7 4 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ -

♣ 9 7 6 2



♠ A J T 5

♥ A K

♦ K 5

♣ A K Q J 4

♠ 9

♥ J T 8 6

♦ Q J T 8 4

♣ T 8 3

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

7♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 9

NORTH's positive response shows 8+ points and five or more cards headed by at least two honors.

SOUTH figures a small slam would be safe, but just to be sure she uses Blackwood.

NORTH's 6

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

and a

void!

.

SOUTH readjusts her thinking and decides to bid the Grand.

Deal 10

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 3
♥ K T 9 3
♦ A 6
♣ K Q 9 6

3
17 15
5

West
1NT
4NT
6♥

6♥ by West

♠ J 9 7 5 2

♥ J 6

♦ T 9 4

♣ J 4 3



♠ T 8 4

♥ 4

♦ J 8 7 5 2

♣ A T 5 2

North
Pass
Pass
All Pass

East
3♥
5♠

South
Pass
Pass

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 10
EAST jumps in

s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

WEST has great

support so bids RKCB 4NT.

EAST responds 5 showing two Key Cards and the

Q.

That is enough for WEST to bid the slam.

Deal 11

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8
♥ J 9 7 5
♦ Q T 4
♣ T 8 7 2

23
4 1
12

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ A K Q
♦ A 5
♣ K J 6 3



♠ K T 7 5 3 2
♥ 8
♦ K 8 6
♣ A Q 4

♠ 9
♥ T 6 4 3 2
♦ J 9 7 3 2
♣ 9 5

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

7NT by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 11

When NORTH agrees to S, SOUTH will not stop short of a slam.

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

have a 2 opening hand with no Aces.

SOUTH's 5

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

the Q and also has the K.

SOUTH figures the suit will run, and this should be enough for Grand Slam. He chooses 7NT.

Deal 12

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 7 5 3
♥ 8
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ K Q 4

5
17 15
3

♠ J 4 2
♥ A T 9 7 5 4
♦ 9 8
♣ 8 3



♠ T 9
♥ K 6 2
♦ T 6 4 3
♣ T 9 7 2

♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q J 3
♦ A J 5
♣ A J 6 5

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

6♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 12

WEST knows there are enough points for slam, but she is worried about the trump suit.

EAST's support doesn't guarantee more than three and if they are not headed

by the Queen she could lose a trump trick.

Her RKCB bid relieves her mind when WEST claims two Key Cards PLUS the Q.

She bids 6 (and hopes for a 3-2 trump split!).

Deal 13

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ T 8
♥ J 9 7 5
♦ 4 3
♣ Q J 6 4 3

16
4 6
14

♠ A Q J 6 5 2
♥ K 8 2
♦ Q
♣ A 8 5



♠ K 9 3
♥ A T 6
♦ A 9 8 6 2
♣ K 9

♠ 7 4
♥ Q 4 3
♦ K J T 7 5
♣ T 7 2

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

6 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 13

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

enough points for a Grand slam.

Deal 14

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ A K 9 8 7 4 2
♦ 7 3
♣ 8 7

5
7 23
5

♠ Q J 4
♥ 6 5
♦ T 9 8
♣ Q T 5 4 3



♠ T 8 7 6 3 2
♥ T
♦ J 6 4 2
♣ K J

♠ 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 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.

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 14

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

Deal 15

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K
♥ J T 5 4
♦ J T 9 5 4
♣ 6 4 2

11
5 4
20

♠ J 9 6 4 3
♥ A Q 3
♦ Q 7
♣ Q 5 3



♠ Q T 8 7 5
♥ K 6
♦ A K 3
♣ A K J

♠ A 2
♥ 9 8 7 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ T 9 8 7

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

5 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 15

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!

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 6
♥ K 7 5
♦ K Q 5 3
♣ A J 5

3
18 14
5

♠ T 9 4 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ J 9

♣ Q T 8 2



♠ 8 7 2

♥ J T 3

♦ A T 8 2

♣ 7 4 3

♠ K Q 5

♥ A Q 9 6

♦ 7 6 4

♣ K 9 6

West

1 ♦

2NT

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4NT

South

Pass

All Pass

4NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 16

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.

Deal 17

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J T
♥ T 4
♦ 9 4 2
♣ A J 9 8 3

13
8 9
10

♠ K 5
♥ A K 9 7 6 2
♦ K 8
♣ 7 6 4



♠ A 9 7 2
♥ Q J 5 3
♦ Q J 7 5 3
♣ -

♠ 8 6 4 3
♥ 8
♦ A T 6
♣ K Q T 5 2

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

6 ♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 17
When SOUTH makes a Splinter bid, showing

support and shortness,

NORTH naturally thinks about slam.

She uses RKCB 4NT, and SOUTH, with one Key Card and a Void, bids 6 .

Just what NORTH needed for the 6

bid.

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 6 3
♥ K Q T 4
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ 2

3
17 16
4

♠ J T 7 5
♥ J 3
♦ J T
♣ T 8 7 5 4



♠ 4
♥ 8 7 6 2
♦ 9 7 3 2
♣ A 9 6 3

♠ Q 9 8 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ A 6 4
♣ K Q J

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

6 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 18

WEST thinks they should be in slam, and uses Stayman to check for a 4-4 Major fit.

When EAST announces four ♠ WEST uses RKCB 4NT.

EAST's 5 ♠ bid shows two Key Cards plus the Q.

This fills the holes in WEST's hand nicely, so she bids 6 ♠.

Deal 19

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 7 5 4
♥ J 8 6
♦ T 9 3
♣ T 5 4

17
3 4
16

♠ A K 6 3
♥ K Q T 4
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ 2



♠ J 9 8 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ A J 4
♣ K Q J

♠ T
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A 9 8 7 6 3

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

5 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 19

This is the companion hand to Deal 18.

Again, NORTH uses RKCB after the 4-4 fit is discovered.

This time SOUTH shows two Key Cards without the Q.

Now NORTH realizes that in addition to one outside Ace, there is a very possible loser

in trumps. So she stops at 5 .

Deal 20

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 4
♥ J 9 5
♦ A K 7 6
♣ A 5 4

6
19 9
6

♠ Q J 8 6
♥ -
♦ J T 9 4 2
♣ Q T 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ T 9 5
♥ T 7 3 2
♦ Q 8
♣ K J 9 2

♠ 7 3 2
♥ A K Q 8 6 4
♦ 5 3
♣ 8 7

West	North	East	South
		2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3NT by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 20

The chances of a slam on this hand are very small, and if WEST decides to use RKCB it will

just confuse matters when EAST shows two Key Cards.

WEST has a better way to find out about the hand. She bids 2NT asking EAST to further describe

his hand. EAST should then bid 3NT, showing a solid suit headed by AKQ.

EAST cannot have as much as an extra Jack, so WEST just passes 3NT.

Deal 21

North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 9 7 4
♥ J T 6 3
♦ 9 3
♣ K Q T

22
6 5
7

♠ A Q J 8 6 2
♥ K Q 7
♦ K Q J
♣ A



♠ K 5 3
♥ A 9 5 2
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 6 5 4

♠ -
♥ 8 4
♦ A T 7 6 2
♣ J 9 8 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

6 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 21

NORTH realizes SOUTH has fewer than 8 points, but the 3 support bid is enough

for her to try a RKCB 4NT bid.

SOUTH shows two Key Cards and NORTH figures they will be the ~~Kind~~ one of the

red Aces. So she bids 6 If instead the Key Cards are the two red Aces NORTH

might possibly make all thirteen tricks with a finesse.

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 7 2
♥ Q 7 4
♦ 9 8 5
♣ 9 8 4 3

5
6 22
7

♠ T 9 8 6 3

♥ 8

♦ K J T 2

♣ J 5 2



♠ 4

♥ J T 9 3

♦ A Q 7 4 3

♣ T 7 6

♠ K Q J 5
♥ A K 6 5 2
♦ 6
♣ A K Q

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 22
WEST's 3¹

bid is "encouraging" so EAST bids 4NT.

When WEST shows one Key Card, (an Ace), EAST is afraid he may have a trump loser as well the

other Ace. To find out about the

West	North	East	South
		2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Q he

bids 5

6♥ by West

, the Queen Ask.

WEST has the

Q but no King so she jumps

to 6

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Deal 23

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8 6
♥ Q T
♦ A Q T 9 3
♣ 7 6 2

5
8 5
22

♠ A 7 2
♥ J 9 8 7 4
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 5
♥ A K 6 5 2
♦ 6
♣ A K Q

♠ 9 4 3
♥ 3
♦ K J 7 4 2
♣ J T 9 5

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

anyway.

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 23
This is the companion to Deal 22.

Again, worried about a possible trump loser in addition to the missing Ace, SOUTH

bids 5

, the Queen Ask.

NORTH definitely does NOT have the

Q. But with five trumps she

does know that SOUTH probably does not have a trump loser so she jumps

to 6

Deal 24

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5
♥ K Q 9 6 4
♦ 7 3
♣ A K 8 5

4
12 17
7

♠ J
♥ T 3
♦ J 9 8 6 5
♣ Q T 7 4 3



♠ Q T 7 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ A T 4
♣ J 9 2

♠ A K 9 6 3
♥ A J 7 5
♦ K Q 2
♣ 6

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♥	All Pass

6 ♥ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 24

EAST cannot use RKCB at her second bid because trumps have not been agreed. So she bids

3

to set trumps, knowing WEST cannot pass after her jump-shift.

WEST tries to stop at game but EAST is too strong so she now uses RKCB and gets

to 6

when WEST shows two Key Cards and the trump Queen.