

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

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| ♠ T | | | |
| ♥ 3 | | | |
| ♦ A 7 5 | | | |
| ♣ Q J 9 8 6 5 3 2 | | | |

♠ A K 9 8 4 2

♥ K Q T 6

♦ 8 4

♣ A

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

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| ♠ 6 5 | | |
| ♥ 9 8 7 4 2 | | |
| ♦ K Q J 9 | | |
| ♣ T 7 | | |

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| ♠ Q J 7 3 | | |
| ♥ A J 5 | | |
| ♦ T 6 3 2 | | |
| ♣ K 4 | | |

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 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 controls

S.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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

6♦ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 6

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

He invokes RKC Blackwood.

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

s, the

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

NORTH bids 6

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

over the 5 reply.

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 4

♥ 9 4 3

♦ T 9 8 7 3

♣ 5 4

♠ K Q 7

♥ J 6

♦ A 6 4

♣ Q J T 8 7

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

♠ 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

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

5♣ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 7

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

s and h have been swapped.

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

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

That's what happens here.

Board 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 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

N
W E
S

♠ 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

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

6 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 8 8

NORTH needs to know how many Aces SOUTH 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.