

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q J 8 6 2
♥ K Q 7
♦ K Q J
♣ A

♠ 10 9 7 4
♥ 10 4 3
♦ A 3
♣ Q 9 7 2



♠ —
♥ J 8 6
♦ 10 9 7 6 2
♣ K J 10 8 3

22
6 5
7

♠ K 5 3
♥ A 9 5 2
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 6 5 4

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

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

for her to try a RKCB 4 NT bid.

SOUTH shows two Key Cards and NORTH figures they will be the th K and one of the

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

might possibly make all thirteen tricks with a finesse.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 2

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 9 8 5

♣ 9 8 4 3

7
6 22
5

West

2 ♦

3 ♥

5 ♣

6 ♥

6 ♥ by East

♠ 10 6 4

♥ 10 9 8

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7 6 2



♠ 9 8 3

♥ J 3

♦ K 10 7 4 2

♣ J 10 5

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♣

2 ♥

4 NT

5 ♦

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

WEST's 3

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bid is "encouraging" so EAST bids 4 NT.

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

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Q he

bids 5

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, the Queen Ask.

WEST has the

♠™

Q but no King so she jumps

to 6

♠™

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Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 3
 ♥ 10 3
 ♦ A K 10 7 2
 ♣ J 10 9 7 6

5
 8 5
 22

♠ A 7 2
 ♥ J 9 8 7 4
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ 8 4 3



♠ K Q J 5
 ♥ A K 6 5 2
 ♦ 6
 ♣ A K Q

♠ 10 9 8 6 4
 ♥ Q
 ♦ Q J 9 4 3
 ♣ 5 2

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

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anyway.

This is the companion to Deal 22.

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

bids 5

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, the Queen Ask.

NORTH definitely does NOT have the

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Q. But with five trumps she

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

to 6

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5
♥ K Q 9 6 4
♦ 7 3
♣ A K 8 5

4
12 17
7

West
1 ♥
3 ♣
4 ♥
5 ♠
Pass
6 ♥ by West

♠ J 10 7 2
♥ 10 8
♦ J 10 5 4
♣ Q 10 3



♠ Q 4
♥ 3 2
♦ A 9 8 6
♣ J 9 7 4 2

North
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

East
2 ♠
3 ♥
4 NT
6 ♥

South
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

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

3

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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

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when WEST shows two Key Cards and the trump Queen.