

Deal 1

South Deals	♠ A J 7
None Vul	♥ J 6
	♦ Q J 10 8 7
	♣ A 6 4
♠ Q 10 9	♠ K 8 5 4 3 2
♥ A 10 9 5 4	W N E
♦ 5 4	3
♣ 8 7 3	♦ 2
	♣ J 10 9 5 2
	♠ 6
13	♥ K Q 8 7 2
6 4	♦ A K 9 6 3
17	♣ K Q

West North East South

Pass 2 ♦ Pass 4 NT

Pass 5 ♠ Pass 6 ♦

Pass Pass Pass

6 ♦ by North

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

He invokes RKC Blackwood.

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

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s, the

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

SOUTH bids 6

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

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over the 5â™£ reply.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ K Q
♣ A K 9 6 3

4
17 13
6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		
5 ♣ by East			

♠ 5 4 3
♥ A 10 9 4 3
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 5 2

♠ K Q 7
♥ J 6
♦ A 6 4
♣ Q J 10 8 7

♠ A J 10 9 8 2

♥ 5
♦ J 10 8 7 3
♣ 4



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

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s and â™£s have been swapped.

Again, WEST has no problem as long as EAST holds at least one Key-card.

When EAST responds 5â™£, (showing one Key-card), WEST can pass.

That's what happens here.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 4 3
♥ A 9 6 5 2
♦ 5 2
♣ 7 4 2

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4 3
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♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6

♣ A K 5

W N
S E

♠ —

♥ K 8 7

♦ 10 9 8 7 4 3
♣ 10 8 6 3

♠ A 9 6
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♣ by South			

NORTH needs to know how many Aces SOUTH holds.

One way to find out would be to bid 3 \hat{a}^{TM} , (which is forcing), then launch Blackwood.

Another way is to bid 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$ (Gerber) right now.

The first way is probably better but we needed a Gerber example.

Deal 4

East Deals	♠ 9
None Vul	♥ J 8 6 4 3 2
	♦ Q 8 6 4 3
	♣ 3

♠ K Q 8 7 4 3 ♠ A J 10 5

♥ Q 7 5 ♥ A K

♦ — ♦ K 5

♣ 9 7 6 2 ♣ A K Q J 4

N
W E
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 ♠ 6 2
 3 ♥ 10 9
 7 25 ♦ A J 10 9 7 2
 5 ♣ 10 8 5

West *North* *East* *South*

2 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

6 ♦ Pass 7 ♠ Pass

Pass Pass

7 ♠ by West

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

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

WEST's 6

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

and a

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void!

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EAST readjusts her thinking and decides to bid the Grand.

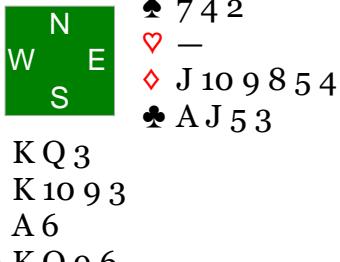
Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 8 5**♥ J 6 4****♦ 7 2****♣ 10 4 2**

♠ A 6
♥ A Q 8 7 5 2
♦ K Q 3
♣ 8 7



West **North** **East** **South**

Pass 3 ♥ Pass 4 NT

Pass 5 ♠ Pass 6 ♥

Pass Pass Pass

6 ♥ by North

NORTH jumps in

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s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

SOUTH has great

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support so bids RKCB 4 NT.

NORTH responds 5â™ , showing two Key Cards and the

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Q.

That is enough for SOUTH to bid the slam.