

**Deal 1**

	♠ 6		
North Deals	♥ K Q 8 7 2		
None Vul	♦ K Q		
	♣ A K 9 6 3		
♠ A J 10 9 8 2	♠ 5 4 3		
♥ 5	♥ A 10 9 4 3		
♦ J 10 8 7 3	♦ 9 5 2		
♣ 4	♣ 5 2		
	♠ K Q 7		
17 6 4 13	♥ J 6		
	♦ A 6 4		
	♣ Q J 10 8 7		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	
5 ♣ by South			

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

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

That's what happens here.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 4 3  
♥ A 9 6 5 2  
♦ 5 2  
♣ 7 4 2

**16**  
**4 3**  
**17**

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2  
♥ 4  
♦ K 6  
♣ A K 5

♠ —  
♥ 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 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ , (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 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 5
♥ A K
♦ K 5
♣ A K Q J 4

♠ 9

♥ J 8 6 4 3 2

♦ Q 8 6 4 3

♣ 3

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3 5
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♠ 6 2
♥ 10 9
♦ A J 10 9 7 2
♣ 10 8 5

♠ K Q 8 7 4 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ —

♣ 9 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
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	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
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Pass

	4 NT	Pass	6 ♦
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Pass

	7 ♠	Pass	Pass
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Pass

7 ♠ by South

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

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

SOUTH's 6

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

and a

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void!

NORTH readjusts her thinking and decides to bid the Grand.

**Deal 4**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

$\spadesuit$ K Q 3 $\heartsuit$ K 10 9 3 $\diamond$ A 6 $\clubsuit$ K Q 9 6	$\spadesuit$ 7 4 2 $\heartsuit$ — $\diamond$ J 10 9 8 5 4 $\clubsuit$ A J 5 3	$\spadesuit$ J 10 9 8 5 $\heartsuit$ J 6 4 $\diamond$ 7 2 $\clubsuit$ 10 4 2
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N  
W E  
S

$\spadesuit$ A 6 $\heartsuit$ 17 $\diamond$ A Q 8 7 5 2 $\clubsuit$ K Q 3
$\spadesuit$ 8 7

<i>West</i> Pass Pass Pass 6 $\heartsuit$ by South	<i>North</i> 1 NT 4 NT 6 $\heartsuit$	<i>East</i> Pass Pass Pass	<i>South</i> 3 $\heartsuit$ 5 $\spadesuit$ Pass
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SOUTH jumps in  
 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\hat{Y}$

s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

NORTH has great

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\hat{Y}$

support so bids RKCB 4 NT.

SOUTH responds 5 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ , showing two Key Cards and the

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\hat{Y}$

Q.

That is enough for NORTH to bid the slam.

**Deal 5**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 9 8  
 ♥ J 9 5 4 3  
 ♦ 9 3  
 ♣ 9 7 2

**23**  
**2 3**  
**12**

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♠ A Q 6 4  
 ♥ A K Q  
 ♦ A 5  
 ♣ K J 6 3

♠ —  
 ♥ 10 7 6 2  
 ♦ Q J 10 7 4 2  
 ♣ 10 8 5

♠ K 10 7 5 3 2

♥ 8  
 ♦ K 8 6

♣ A Q 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 NT by South

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

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

have a 2a™£ opening hand with no Aces.

SOUTH's 5

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

the a™ Q, and also has the a™£K.

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

**Deal 6**

North Deals	♠ Q 8 6
None Vul	♥ Q J 3
	♦ A J 5
	♣ A J 6 5

♠ 2	♠ J 10 9 4
♥ K 10 5 4 2	♥ A 9 7 6
♦ 10 8 6 3	♦ 9 4
♣ 10 8 3	♣ 9 7 2



15	♠ A K 7 5 3
3 5	♥ 8
17	♦ K Q 7 2
	♣ K Q 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
	Pass	Pass	

6 ♠ by South

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

NORTH's support doesn't guarantee more than three ♠'s, and if they are not headed

by the Queen she could lose a trump trick.

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

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