

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠	K 10 7 5 3 2
♥	8
♦	K 8 6
♣	A Q 4

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

N	
W	E
S	

♠	J 9 8
♥	J 9 5 4 3
♦	9 3
♣	9 7 2

12	♠ A Q 6 4
3 2	♥ A K Q
23	♦ A 5
	♣ K J 6 3

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

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

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

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

NORTH's 5

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

the a™ Q, and also has the a™£K.

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

Deal 2West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 6
 ♥ Q J 3
 ♦ A J 5
 ♣ A J 6 5

5
 15 17
 3

West
 1 NT
 4 ♠
 5 ♠
 Pass
 6 ♠ by East

♠ J 10 9 4
 ♥ A 9 7 6
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ 9 7 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ A K 7 5 3
 ♥ 8
 ♦ K Q 7 2
 ♣ K Q 4

♠ 2
 ♥ K 10 5 4 2
 ♦ 10 8 6 3
 ♣ 10 8 3

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

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

WEST'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 EAST claims two Key Cards PLUS the ♠ Q.

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

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 4
♥ J 9 7
♦ K J 4 3
♣ Q 10 3

14
7 3
16

♠ K 9 3
♥ A 10 6
♦ A 9 8 6 2
♣ K 9

N
W E
S

♠ 10
♥ Q 5 4 3
♦ 10 7 5
♣ J 7 6 4 2

♠ A Q J 6 5 2
♥ K 8 2
♦ Q
♣ A 8 5

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

6 ♠ by South

When SOUTH makes a slam try with a jump to 3â™, the best approach for NORTH is to agree on

the trump suit immediately but indicate a minimum hand by bidding 4â™.

SOUTH's next move is logical; RKCB 4 NT.

NORTH shows zero or three Key Cards, and since it could not possibly be zero, SOUTH knows they are

the â™ K and both red Aces. Even possessing all the Key Cards SOUTH knows there aren't

enough points for a Grand slam.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ A K
♥ Q J 3
♦ A K Q 5
♣ A 9 6 2

4
2 3 7
6

West

4 NT
7 NT
7 NT by West

♠ 10 8 7 4 3 2
♥ 6
♦ J 4
♣ Q J 10 3



♠ 9 5
♥ A K 9 8 7 4 2
♦ 7 3
♣ 8 7

♠ Q J 6
♥ 10 5
♦ 10 9 8 6 2
♣ K 5 4

North
Pass
Pass
Pass

East
3 ♥
5 ♥
Pass

South
Pass
Pass
Pass

It is usually not recommended to use any form of Blackwood when you have a suit with two quick

losers, but WEST knows EAST would not preempt with a 10-high

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suit.

EAST's reply to RKCB is 5

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, showing two Key Cards.

WEST knows they are the

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A

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K

so she can count thirteen tricks.

She bids a confident 7 NT (and hopes EAST didn't open 3

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with a 6-card suit.

Deal 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ A
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ 6 4 2
♣ 10 9 7 6 2

20
5 4
11

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 10 8 7 5
♥ K 6
♦ A K 3
♣ A K J

♠ J 9 6 4 3
♥ A Q 3
♦ Q 7
♣ Q 5 3

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

5 ♠ by North

NORTH has 21 points, and when she hears SOUTH make a limit raise she tries for slam with RKCB.

SOUTH answers with just one Key Card so NORTH stops at 5 \hat{a} TM, 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!