

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8

♥ J 9 7 5

♦ 4 3

♣ Q J 6 4 3

♠ A Q J 6 5 2

♥ K 8 2

♦ Q

♣ A 8 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 4
♥ Q 4 3
♦ K J T 7 5
♣ T 7 2

♠ K 9 3
♥ A T 6
♦ A 9 8 6 2
♣ K 9

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

6 ♠ by North

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

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

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

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

the Kind both red Aces. Even possessing all the Key Cards NORTH knows there aren't

enough points for a Grand slam.

Board 2

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 5

♥ A K 9 8 7 4 2

♦ 7 3

♣ 8 7

♠ Q J 4

♥ 6 5

♦ T 9 8

♣ Q T 5 4 3



♠ A K

♥ Q J 3

♦ A K Q 5

♣ A 9 6 2

♠ T 8 7 6 3 2

♥ T

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ K J

West North East South

3♥ Pass 4NT Pass

5♥ Pass 7NT All Pass

7NT by East

A

K

so she can count thirteen tricks.

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

with a 6-card suit.

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

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

suit.

WEST's reply to RKCB is 5

, showing two Key Cards.

EAST knows they are the

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K
♥ J T 5 4
♦ J T 9 5 4
♣ 6 4 2

♠ J 9 6 4 3

♥ A Q 3

♦ Q 7

♣ Q 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 2
♥ 9 8 7 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ T 9 8 7

♠ Q T 8 7 5
♥ K 6
♦ A K 3
♣ A K J

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

5 ♠ by South

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

NORTH answers with just one Key Card so SOUTH stops at 5 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!

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A J 6

♥ K 7 5

♦ K Q 5 3

♣ A J 5

♠ T 9 4 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ J 9

♣ Q T 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 5

♥ A Q 9 6

♦ 7 6 4

♣ K 9 6

♠ 8 7 2

♥ J T 3

♦ A T 8 2

♣ 7 4 3

West North East South

1♦

Pass

1♥

Pass

2NT

Pass

4NT

All Pass

4NT by East

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What is this doing here in the RKCB Practice Pages?

To emphasize that there are many 4NT bids which are NOT asking for Aces.

In this case, WEST showed a balanced hand with 18 or 19 points, and EAST invited him

to bid 6NT if he felt his hand was a "maximum". He didn't, so he passed.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T
♥ T 4
♦ 9 4 2
♣ A J 9 8 3

♠ K 5
♥ A K 9 7 6 2
♦ K 8
♣ 7 6 4

N
W
S

♠ 8 6 4 3
♥ 8
♦ A T 6
♣ K Q T 5 2

♠ A 9 7 2
♥ Q J 5 3
♦ Q J 7 5 3
♣ -

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

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When SOUTH makes a Splinter bid, showing

support and shortness,

NORTH naturally thinks about slam.

She uses RKCB 4NT, and SOUTH, with one Key Card and a Void, bids 6 .

Just what NORTH needed for the 6

bid.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 6 3
♥ K Q T 4
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ 2

♠ J T 7 5

♥ J 3

♦ J T

♣ T 8 7 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 8 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ A 6 4
♣ K Q J

♠ 4
♥ 8 7 6 2
♦ 9 7 3 2
♣ A 9 6 3

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

6 ♠ by West

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WEST thinks they should be in slam, and uses Stayman to check for a 4-4 Major fit.

When EAST announces four WEST uses RKCB 4NT.

EAST's 5 bid shows two Key Cards plus the Q.

This fills the holes in WEST's hand nicely, so she bids 6 .