

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 3  
♥ K Q 6  
♦ 6 3 2  
♣ J 10 8 6 3

21  
6 5  
8

*West*

♠ K Q J 9 6  
♥ 4  
♦ K Q J 7  
♣ A K Q



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

*North**East**South*

2 ♣

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by North

2 NT shows a balanced hand with 8+ points, and when SOUTH then supports 2 NT.

NORTH makes a slam try.

NORTH bids RKC Blackwood 4 NT. SOUTH shows two Keycards (two Aces) and NORTH bids 6 NT.

**Deal 2**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ K J  
♥ Q J 8 5  
♦ Q 10 9 7  
♣ Q 4 2

4  
11 20  
5

West

3 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

5 ♥ by East

♠ 9 8 5 4  
♥ A 3  
♦ 6 5 4  
♣ 9 7 6 3



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

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4 NT

5 ♥

♠ A Q 7  
♥ K 10 7 4 2  
♦ K J 3  
♣ A K

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

WEST has a decent Limit Raise, and EAST tries RKC Blackwood.

WEST replies to the 4 NT bid with 5

♠<sup>TM</sup>!

, zero or three Keycards.

So which is it, zero or three?

Pretty simple - since EAST holds three Keycards himself WEST can hardly have three also since there

are only five total. She must have zero and EAST signs off at 5

♠<sup>TM</sup>¥

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**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

17  
5 2  
16

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

1 ♥

4 ♠

5 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

♠ K 10 7 4  
♥ K Q J 8 4  
♦ A 6  
♣ A 3



♠ A Q 8 6 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ K Q 7  
♣ K Q 5

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

NORTH jumps to 4<sup>♠</sup>, confident that SOUTH could make 10 tricks

even if he just has 6 points.

SOUTH knows he can make more and bids RKCB 4 NT.

NORTH's 5

<sup>♠</sup>

response shows zero or three Keycards.

So which is it? Zero or three?

NORTH bid much too strongly to have no Aces. SOUTH

bids a confident 6<sup>♠</sup>, knowing NORTH has either three Aces or two Aces plus the

<sup>♠</sup> K.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3 2

♥ J 6

♦ Q 10 3 2

♣ A 8 7 6

♠ 6

♥ A K 9 7 5 4

♦ 6

♣ K Q J 10 3

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♠ A 7 5

♥ Q 10 8 3

♦ A 8 5 4

♣ 9 2

♠ K Q J 10 9 4

♥ 2

♦ K J 9 7

♣ 5 4

7  
13 10  
10

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

1 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♠

Pass

6 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by West

With eleven cards in the "round" suits  
WEST has a lot of playing strength. So  
when EAST bids

a Limit Raise in

♠

s WEST wants to know about Aces.

RKCBlackwood tells him that EAST has  
two Aces plus the trump Queen, so WEST  
can see that 6

♠

is practically a certainty.

**Deal 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 6 5  
♥ 9 7 2  
♦ A K 5  
♣ 10 7 5 2

16  
7 6  
11

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

♠ A K 9 8 4 2  
♥ K Q 10 6  
♦ 8 4  
♣ A

W N E  
S

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

♠ —  
♥ 8 4 3  
♦ Q J 9 7  
♣ Q J 9 8 6 3

NORTH has interest in slam after she hears SOUTH's Limit Raise.

BUT, she should not use Blackwood holding two quick losers in the

♠<sup>TM</sup>!

suit.

Instead she makes a Control showing bid of 4♠<sup>TM</sup>£. (Not Gerber since it didn't follow a NT bid.)

SOUTH cooperates by making a Control bid of 4

♠<sup>TM</sup>¥

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NORTH stops at 4♠<sup>TM</sup> because neither partner controls

♠<sup>TM</sup>!

s.

**Deal 6**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

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

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

He invokes RKC Blackwood.

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

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

s, the

last-bid suit prior to 4 NT is agreed. EAST has two Key-cards plus the trump Queen, so she bids  $5\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

WEST bids 6

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

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If EAST had just one Key-card, WEST would bid 5

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

over the  $5\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  reply.