

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ —

♥ 10 7 6 2

♦ Q J 10 7 4 2

♣ 10 8 5

12
3 2
23

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by North

♠ K 10 7 5 3 2

♥ 8

♦ K 8 6

♣ A Q 4

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ A K Q

♦ A 5

♣ K J 6 3

North

2 ♠

4 NT

5 ♥

7 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

3 ♠

5 ♦

6 ♣

Pass



When SOUTH agrees to \hat{a}^{TM} 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 $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£}$ opening hand with no Aces.

NORTH's 5

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{¥}$

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

the \hat{a}^{TM} Q, and also has the $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£K}$.

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

Deal 2

West 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



♠ 2
♥ K 10 5 4 2
♦ 10 8 6 3
♣ 10 8 3

North
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

East
3 ♠
4 NT
6 ♠

South
Pass
Pass
Pass

♠ A K 7 5 3
♥ 8
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ K Q 4

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 \hat{a}^{TM} 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 \hat{a}^{TM} Q.

She bids 6 \hat{a}^{TM} (and hopes for a 3-2 trump split!).

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 4
 ♥ J 9 7
 ♦ K J 4 3
 ♣ Q 10 3

14
 7 3
 16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

♠ K 9 3
 ♥ A 10 6
 ♦ A 9 8 6 2
 ♣ K 9



♠ A Q J 6 5 2
 ♥ K 8 2
 ♦ Q
 ♣ A 8 5

North

1 NT

4 ♠

5 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

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

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

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 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K
 ♥ Q J 3
 ♦ A K Q 5
 ♣ A 9 6 2

4
 23 7
 6

West

♠ 10 8 7 4 3 2

♥ 6

♦ J 4

♣ Q J 10 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ Q J 6

♥ 10 5

♦ 10 9 8 6 2

♣ K 5 4

North

East

South

4 NT

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

7 NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

7 NT by West

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

♠

A

♠

K

so she can count thirteen tricks.

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

♠

with a 6-card suit.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 8 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ A K 3

♣ A K J

♠ A

♥ J 9 8 2

♦ 6 4 2

♣ 10 9 7 6 2



♠ K 2

♥ 10 7 5 4

♦ J 10 9 8 5

♣ 8 4

♠ J 9 6 4 3

♥ A Q 3

♦ Q 7

♣ Q 5 3

20

5 4

11

*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 5th, 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!