

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

When SOUTH makes a Splinter bid, showing

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support and â™£ shortness,

NORTH naturally thinks about slam.

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

Just what NORTH needed for the 6

â™¥

bid.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6 3
♥ K Q 10 4
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ 2

♠ 10 7
♥ J 8 2
♦ 10 3 2
♣ A 9 8 7 4



♠ J 5 4
♥ 7 6 3
♦ J 9 7
♣ 10 6 5 3

17
5 2
16

♠ Q 9 8 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ A 6 4
♣ K Q J

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

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

When SOUTH announces four $\hat{\text{a}}$ TMs NORTH uses RKCB 4 NT.

SOUTH's 5 $\hat{\text{a}}$ TM bid shows two Key Cards plus the $\hat{\text{a}}$ TM Q.

This fills the holes in NORTH's hand nicely, so she bids 6 $\hat{\text{a}}$ TM.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 4
 ♥ 6 3 2
 ♦ 7 6 3
 ♣ 9 7 6 5 3

16
 2 5
 17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♠ by North

♠ J 9 8 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ A J 4

♣ K Q J



♠ A K 6 3

♥ K Q 10 4

♦ K Q 8 5

♣ 2

North

1 NT

2 ♠

5 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 NT

5 ♠

This is the companion hand to Deal 18.

Again, SOUTH uses RKCB after the 4-4
 ♠ fit is discovered.

This time NORTH shows two Key Cards
 without the ♠ Q.

Now SOUTH realizes that in addition to
 one outside Ace, there is a very possible
 loser

in trumps. So she stops at 5♠.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

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

9
6 6
19

♠ A K 4
♥ J 9 5
♦ A K 7 6
♣ A 5 4

West	North	East	South
	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

The chances of a slam on this hand are very small, and if SOUTH decides to use RKCB it will

just confuse matters when NORTH shows two Key Cards.

SOUTH has a better way to find out about the hand. She bids 2 NT asking NORTH to further describe

his hand. NORTH should then bid 3 NT, showing a solid suit headed by AKQ.

NORTH cannot have as much as an extra Jack, so SOUTH just passes 3 NT.