

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 7 3
♥ Q 9 5
♦ A 4 3
♣ 8 6 4 3

♠ K Q J 9 6
♥ 4
♦ K Q J 7
♣ A K Q

N
W E
S

♠ 5 2
♥ K J T 6 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ J T 9

♠ A 8 4
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ T 9 5
♣ 7 5 2

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

6 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 1
2NT shows a balanced hand with 8+ points, and
when SOUTH then supports s

NORTH makes a slam try.

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

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K J
♥ Q J 8 5
♦ Q T 9 7
♣ Q 4 2

♠ T 9 8 5 3
♥ -
♦ A 4
♣ T 8 7 6 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 7
♥ K T 7 4 2
♦ K J 3
♣ A K

♠ 6 4 2
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ J 9

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

5 ♥ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 2
WEST has a decent Limit Raise, and EAST tries RKC Blackwood.

WEST replies to the 4NT bid with 5

, 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

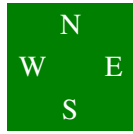
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Board 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 5
♥ A 6 3 2
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 8 6 4 2

♠ K T 7 4
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ A 6
♣ A 3



♠ 9
♥ T 9 7
♦ J T 9 3 2
♣ J T 9 7

♠ A Q 8 6 3 2
♥ 5
♦ K Q 7
♣ K Q 5

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

6 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 3

NORTH jumps to 4 confident that SOUTH could make 10 tricks

even if he just has 6 points.

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

NORTH's 5

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 knowing NORTH has either three Aces or two Aces plus the K.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6
♥ A K 9 7 5 4
♦ 6
♣ K Q J T 3

♠ Q 8 4 3

♥ J 6 2

♦ K 9 3

♣ A 8 5

	N	
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	S	

♠ K J T 9 2

♥ -

♦ Q J T 7 2

♣ 7 6 4

♠ A 7 5
♥ Q T 8 3
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 9 2

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

6♥ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 4

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.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

4 ♠ by North

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Baker Bidpractice/Set8 5

NORTH has interest in slam after she hears

SOUTH's Limit Raise.

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

suit.

Instead she makes a Control showing bid of 4 (Not Gerber since it didn't follow a NT bid.)

SOUTH cooperates by making a Control bid of 4

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NORTH stops at 4 because neither partner controls

Board 6

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6
♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ A K 9 6 3
♣ K Q

♠ T 9 8 3

♥ A T 9 5

♦ 5 4 2

♣ J 8



♠ A J 7

♥ J 6

♦ Q J T 8 7

♣ A 6 4

♠ K Q 5 4 2

♥ 4 3

♦ -

♣ T 9 7 5 3 2

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

6 ♦ by West

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

over the 5 reply.

Baker Bidpractice/Set8 6

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

s, the

last-bid suit prior to 4NT is agreed. EAST has two Key-cards plus the trump Queen, so she bids 5 .

WEST bids 6

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