

Deal 1

North Deals ♠ 6
 None Vul ♥ K Q 8 7 2
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ A K 9 6 3

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

17
 6 4
 13

♠ K Q 7
 ♥ J 6
 ♦ A 6 4
 ♣ Q J 10 8 7

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

This is the companion to Deal 6. The cards are the same except that the

♠TM

s and ♠TMs have been swapped.

Again, NORTH has no problem as long as SOUTH holds at least one Key-card.

When SOUTH responds 5♠TM, (showing one Key-card), NORTH can pass.

That's what happens here.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 4 3
 ♥ A 9 6 5 2
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ 7 4 2

16
 4 3
 17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

♠ K Q J 8 7 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6

♣ A K 5



♠ A 9 6
 ♥ Q J 10 3
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ Q J 9

North

4 ♣

6 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

4 ♠

Pass

NORTH needs to know how many Aces
 SOUTH holds.

One way to find out would be to bid 3[♠],
 (which is forcing), then launch
 Blackwood.

Another way is to bid 4[♠] (Gerber)
 right now.

The first way is probably better but we
 needed a Gerber example.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9
♥ J 8 6 4 3 2
♦ Q 8 6 4 3
♣ 3

25
3 5
7

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

7♠ by South

♠ A J 10 5

♥ A K

♦ K 5

♣ A K Q J 4



♠ K Q 8 7 4 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ —

♣ 9 7 6 2

North

2♣

4NT

7♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2♠

6♦

Pass

SOUTH's positive response shows 8+ points and five or more cards headed by at least two honors.

NORTH figures a small slam would be safe, but just to be sure she uses Blackwood.

SOUTH's 6

â™™!

reply shows one Key-card which must be the trump King,

and a

â™™!

void!

NORTH readjusts her thinking and decides to bid the Grand.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 4 2

♥ —

♦ J 10 9 8 5 4

♣ A J 5 3

17
6 2

15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ K Q 3

♥ K 10 9 3

♦ A 6

♣ K Q 9 6

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♠ A 6

♥ A Q 8 7 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 8 7

North

1 NT

4 NT

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♥

5 ♠

Pass

SOUTH jumps in

5♠

s, showing a good suit and slam interest.

NORTH has great

5♠

support so bids RKCB 4 NT.

SOUTH responds 5♠, showing two Key Cards and the

5♠

Q.

That is enough for NORTH to bid the slam.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 8
♥ J 9 5 4 3
♦ 9 3
♣ 9 7 2

23
2 3
12

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ A K Q
♦ A 5
♣ K J 6 3



♠ K 10 7 5 3 2
♥ 8
♦ K 8 6
♣ A Q 4

North

2 ♣

3 ♠

5 ♦

6 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

4 NT

5 ♥

7 NT

When NORTH agrees to \hat{A}^s , SOUTH will not stop short of a slam.

The RKCB 4 NT bid tells SOUTH that they have all five Key Cards since NORTH could hardly

have a $2\hat{A}^E$ opening hand with no Aces.

SOUTH's 5

\hat{A}^Y

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

the \hat{A}^Q , and also has the \hat{A}^EK .

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

Deal 6

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 2
♥ K 10 5 4 2
♦ 10 8 6 3
♣ 10 8 3

15
3 5
17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q J 3
♦ A J 5
♣ A J 6 5



♠ A K 7 5 3
♥ 8
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ K Q 4

North

1 NT

4 ♠

5 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

SOUTH knows there are enough points for slam, but she is worried about the trump suit.

NORTH's support doesn't guarantee more than three \hat{A} 's, and if they are not headed

by the Queen she could lose a trump trick.

Her RKCB bid relieves her mind when SOUTH claims two Key Cards PLUS the \hat{A} Q.

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