

Deal 1
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♠ by South			

2 NT shows a balanced hand with 8+ points, and when NORTH then supports â™ S

SOUTH makes a slam try.

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

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6 3 2
♥ 9 6
♦ A 8 2
♣ J 10 8 5

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

♠ 9 8 5 4
♥ A 3
♦ 6 5 4
♣ 9 7 6 3

♠ A Q 7
♥ K 10 7 4 2
♦ K J 3
♣ A K

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♥ by South

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W E
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NORTH has a decent Limit Raise, and SOUTH tries RKC Blackwood.

NORTH replies to the 4 NT bid with 5

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, zero or three Keycards.

So which is it, zero or three?

Pretty simple - since SOUTH holds three Keycards himself NORTH can hardly have three also since there

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

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Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ J 9 4

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

♠ J
W N E
S ♠ 10 3 2
♦ J 8 5 4
♣ 10 8 7 6 2

♠ A Q 8 6 3 2
♥ 5
♦ K Q 7
♣ K Q 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♠ by South			

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NORTH jumps to 6â™, 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

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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 6â™, knowing NORTH has either three Aces or two Aces plus the

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3 2
 ♥ J 6
 ♦ Q 10 3 2
 ♣ A 8 7 6

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

♠ 6
 ♥ A K 9 7 5 4
 ♦ 6
 ♣ K Q J 10 3

West North East South

Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by South

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

a Limit Raise in

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s SOUTH wants to know about Aces.

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

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is practically a certainty.

Deal 5

South Deals	♠ Q J 7 3
None Vul	♥ A J 5
	♦ 10 6 3 2
	♣ K 4
♠ —	♠ 10 6 5
♥ 8 4 3	♥ 9 7 2
♦ Q J 9 7	♦ A K 5
♣ Q J 9 8 6 3	♣ 10 7 5 2

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

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

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

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suit.

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

NORTH cooperates by making a Control bid of 4

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SOUTH stops at 4â™ because neither partner controls

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Deal 6

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

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

W	N
S	E

17	AJ 7
4 6	J 6
13	♦ Q J 10 8 7
	♣ A 6 4

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

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

He invokes RKC Blackwood.

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

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s, the

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

NORTH bids 6

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If SOUTH had just one Key-card, NORTH would bid 5

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over the 5â™£ reply.