

Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10
♥ A 7 6 3
♦ 9 6 3
♣ J 9 6 4

♠ A 9 8 5 4 2
♥ 8
♦ A K J 4
♣ K 2



♠ Q
♥ J 10 9 4
♦ 10 7 5 2
♣ 10 8 5 3

♠ J 7 6 3
♥ K Q 5 2
♦ Q 8
♣ A Q 7

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	4 NT ¹	Pass	5 ♦ ²
Pass	5 ♠ ³	All pass	

1. Roman Key Card Blackwood
2. One or four of the "five aces" (including ♠ K)
3. Two Key Cards are missing, so North signs off

Board 2

East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 4
♥ A J 9 4 3 2
♦ 8
♣ K Q 9 7 6

♠ J 9 8 7
♥ —
♦ K Q 5 4 3 2
♣ J 8 3



♠ A K 6 5 2
♥ K 8 6 5
♦ 9 6
♣ A 5

♠ Q 10 3
♥ Q 10 7
♦ A J 10 7
♣ 10 4 2

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT ¹	Pass	5 ♣ ²	Pass
6 ♥ ³	All pass		

1. Roman Key Card Blackwood
2. Zero or three of the "5 Aces"
3. East can hardly have no Key Cards for his earlier bidding, so West, relying on three Key Cards opposite, bids a Small Slam. He expects that the one missing key card will be his only loser

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 9 8 5

♥ 10 6

♦ 8 7 4

♣ A 9 5 2

♠ A 10 7 6

♥ K 8

♦ A 5 3

♣ K Q 7 4



♠ 4

♥ 9 4 3 2

♦ J 10 9 6 2

♣ J 6 3

♠ K Q 3 2

♥ A Q J 7 5

♦ K Q

♣ 10 8

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	4 NT ¹	Pass	5 ♠ ²
Pass	6 ♠ ³	All pass	

1. Roman Key Card Blackwood
2. Two of the "five aces" (including ♠ K), plus ♠ Q.
3. Expecting the one missing key card to be the only loser.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 8 5 3 2

♥ A K Q 3 2

♦ A 8

♣ 8

♠ J 9 4

♥ 10 8

♦ 10 7 3 2

♣ A K 9 6



♠ K Q 7

♥ J 4

♦ K Q J 5 4

♣ J 4 2

♠ 10 6

♥ 9 7 6 5

♦ 9 6

♣ Q 10 7 5 3

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 NT ¹	Pass	5 ♦ ²	Pass
5 ♥ ³	Pass	6 ♠ ⁴	All pass

1. Roman Key Card Blackwood
2. One or four of the "five aces"
3. Do you have ♠ Q?
4. Yes

Board 5

North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K J 9 2

♥ A J 5

♦ A K Q

♣ 9 7 5

♠ Q 10 6

♥ 10 9 7 3 2

♦ J 8 4

♣ Q 6



♠ —

♥ K Q 8 4

♦ 10 9 7 5 3 2

♣ 10 3 2

♠ A 8 7 5 4 3

♥ 6

♦ 6

♣ A K J 8 4

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	4 NT ¹
Pass	5 ♣ ²	Pass	5 ♠ ³
Pass	6 ♠ ⁴	Pass	7 ♠ ⁵
All pass			

1. Takes control: Roman Key Card Blackwood
2. Zero or three of "five aces" (including ♠ K).
3. Assuming zero, North signs off.
4. With three, South bids on to 6 ♠. It is inconceivable that three "aces" are insufficient for Slam.
5. KNowing all three "aces" opposite, South takes a chance on ♠ Q (he knows there are at most three missing trumps), and ♣ Q.

Board 6

East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ J 10 9 4

♥ 8 5

♦ A 9 4 2

♣ Q 9 4

♠ K Q 3

♥ K J 9 6 4 2

♦ K 8 7

♣ 6



♠ 8 5

♥ A Q 10 7

♦ 5 3

♣ A K J 10 5

♠ A 7 6 2

♥ 3

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ 8 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥ ¹	Pass
4 ♦ ²	Pass	4 ♥ ³	All pass

1. East has six Losing Tricks (♠ AK, ♥ K, ♦ AK, ♣ Q. Adding to West's presumed nine (for a One-over-one response) and subtracting the total from 18 gives three - Hence 3 ♥.
2. West cannot use RKCB - a 5 ♠ reply would leave him high and dry. Instead he makes a Trial Bid for the slam, asking for help in diamonds
3. With two losers in diamonds (and spades), East signs off in game.

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ K J 8 6 3
♥ 9 7
♦ K Q 10 8
♣ Q 9



♠ Q 10
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 9 6 4 3
♣ J 10 6 5

♠ A 9 5 4 2
♥ A Q 5 2
♦ J 7 2
♣ 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 NT ¹	Pass	5 ♠ ²
Pass	6 ♥ ³	All pass	

1. Roman Key Card Blackwood with Hearts as the agreed Trump Suit (the last bid suit before the 4 NT bid).
2. Two of the "five aces" (including ♥ K) plus ♥ Q.
3. While North then goes for the small slam, asking for Kings (5 NT) is possible as only 2 kings are missing

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 4 2
♥ K 6 4
♦ A 7 5 3
♣ K 8 7



♠ A 7
♥ A Q J 10 7
♦ K 8
♣ A Q J 2

♠ 9 8 5
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ 9 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	3 ♥ ¹	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 NT ²	Pass
5 ♥ ³	Pass	5 NT ⁴	Pass
6 ♥ ⁵	Pass	7 ♥ ⁶	All pass

1. Not playing Transfers
2. Roman Key Card Blackwood
3. Two of the "five aces" including K; no ♥ Q
4. How many of the other 3 Kings ?
5. Two
6. East can count 13 tricks looking at his hand alone, once he knows his partner has ♠ K ♥ K, ♦ A and ♣ K. There are two spade tricks, five trumps, two diamonds and four clubs.