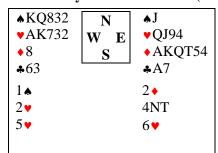
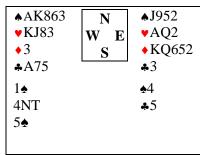


Lesson 44 Examples

Roman Key Card Blackwood (RKCB)



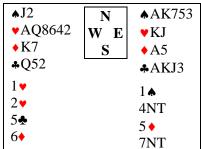
♦ AQ852 ♥ K5 • AJ4	N W E S	♦ K964 ♥ AQJ43 • 87
♣ K74 1 ♠ 3 ♠		*AQ 3♥ 4 *
4NT 7 ♠		5♣



Note that East didn't jump-shift to 3 because they are 2-suited. the trump Oueen, which is enough for East to bid slam.

4♣ agrees spades (since we do not jump shift with 2 suits unless one of West shows 2 Key Cards without them is partner's) and is a cue bid. West knows 5♣ must be 3 Key Cards since East showed 15+ hcp with the jump shift response.

West hopefully asks for Key Cards. East shows 1 Key Card and West is Knows there are too many losers.



West's rebid shows a 6+ card suit. 4NT agrees hearts for now which allows East to ask for the \checkmark Q with $5 \spadesuit$. $6 \spadesuit$ shows the \checkmark Q and ♦K and 7NT is worth trying.

♦ AJ9852	N	♦ KT73
♥K	$\mathbf{W} \mathbf{E}$	∨ A975
◆AQ82	S	◆ T3
♣A4		♣ Q82
1 🛦		3♠
4♣		4♥
4NT		5♥
6 ♠		

A little pushy from West, but they cannot find out much about East's shape (the doubleton ♦ is great). Note that the trump Q doesn't matter much since West knows they have at least 10 trumps between the hands.

♠KJT5	N	♦ Q43
♥AK3	\mathbf{W} \mathbf{E}	♥ 7
◆QJ973	S	◆AT642
♣ A		♣ KQJ3
1♦		3♦
4NT		5♣
5 ♦		

West risks a speculative 4NT but finding 2 Key Cards are missing, has to give up on slam.

♦ KQJT5	N	A 32
♥AK	\mathbf{W} \mathbf{E}	♥ J963
• 3	S	♦K62
♣AQJ93		♣ KT42
2♣		2♦
2♠		2NT
3♣		4♣
4♥		5♣

RKCB and the club suit go just as badly together as Blackwood and the club suit. Here, for example, West cannot afford takes their side too high. West has to trust East to bid a slam with 2 Key Cards (sensible opposite a 2♣ opening bid).

♦A962	N	♦ KJ8753
♥ AK952	\mathbf{W} \mathbf{E}	♥ Q6
♦KQ4	\mathbf{S}	♦ J3
. 7		♣ A92
1♥		1 🛦
3 ♠		4♣
4NT		5♠
6♠		

Note that East's response shows 2 Key Cards AND the trump Queen. Why? Because they know there is at least a 10-card spade fit, and that 4NT since a 1 KeyCard response is almost as good as having the Q.

^ 2	N	♦ AQT3
♥ AJ962	\mathbf{W} \mathbf{E}	♥ KQ43
♦ K3	\mathbf{S}	♦A84
♣AQJ72		♣ K9
1♥		2♠
3♣		3♥
4NT		5♦
5 ^		6♣
7♥		

After East shows 15+ hcp and primary heart support, West should already be thinking of grand slam. 5♣ must be 3 Key Cards, then West asks for the trump O with $5 \blacklozenge$. $6 \clubsuit$ confirms the trump Q and also shows the ♣K, which makes West happy.