



Lesson 44 Examples

Roman Key Card Blackwood (RKCB)

♠KQ832	N W E S	♠J
♥AK732		♥QJ94
♦8		♦AKQT54
♣63		♣A7
1♠		2♦
2♥		4NT
5♥		6♥

Note that East didn't jump-shift to 3♦ because they are 2-suited. West shows 2 Key Cards without the trump Queen, which is enough for East to bid slam.

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

4♣ agrees spades (since we do not jump shift with 2 suits unless one of 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.

♠AK863	N W E S	♠J952
♥KJ83		♥AQ2
♦3		♦KQ652
♣A75		♣3
1♠		♣4
4NT		♣5
5♠		

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

♠J2	N W E S	♠AK753
♥AQ8642		♥KJ
♦K7		♦A5
♣Q52		♣AKJ3
1♥		1♠
2♥		4NT
5♣		5♦
6♦		7NT

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

♠AJ9852	N W E S	♠KT73
♥K		♥A975
♦AQ82		♦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 since West knows they have at least 10 trumps between the hands.

♠KJT5	N W E S	♠Q43
♥AK3		♥7
♦QJ973		♦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 W E S	♠32
♥AK		♥J963
♦3		♦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 4NT since a 1 KeyCard response 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 W E S	♠KJ8753
♥AK952		♥Q6
♦KQ4		♦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 is almost as good as having the Q.

♠2	N W E S	♠AQT3
♥AJ962		♥KQ43
♦K3		♦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 Q with 5♦. 6♣ confirms the trump Q and also shows the ♠K, which makes West happy.