

Practise Key Card Blackwood

Hand: 1				South ♠ A 6 5 4 ♥ A Q 9 7 3 2 ♦ 10 7 ♣ 2
West	North	East	South	
Pass	3♣	Pass	1♥	
Pass	4NT	Pass	3♥	
			?	
Hand: 2				South ♠ 8 7 ♥ J ♦ A J 4 3 ♣ K Q 9 6 5 2
West	North	East	South	
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♣	
Pass	4NT	Pass	3♣	
			?	
Hand: 3				South ♠ K 6 ♥ K 8 7 3 2 ♦ 10 7 6 ♣ K J 10
West	North	East	South	
3♦	Dbl	Pass	4♥	
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦	
Pass	5NT	Pass	?	
Hand: 4				South ♠ K Q J 4 3 ♥ A J 7 6 ♦ A K ♣ 10 2
West	North	East	South	
	1♣	Pass	1♠	
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥	
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT	
Pass	5♦	Pass	?	
Hand: 5				South ♠ A Q 9 7 4 2 ♥ K 6 ♦ K Q 10 2 ♣ A
West	North	East	South	
Pass	3♠	Pass	1♠	
Pass	5♦	Pass	4NT	
			?	
Hand: 6				South ♠ A Q 7 5 ♥ K J 8 6 ♦ K Q 10 ♣ A 4
West	North	East	South	
	1NT	Pass	2♣	
Pass	2♦	Pass	?	

Answer: 5♥

We have a minimum opening bid, but we must trust that partner knows what he is doing. We have 2 key cards so we bid 5♥.

Answer: 5♥

Partner's 4NT is assumed to agree clubs. We have two key cards (♦A and ♣K), so we bid 5♥.

Answer: 6♥

Partner is asking us for non-trump kings on the (simple) Blackwood principle. We show that we have two by bidding 6♥.

Answer: 5♥

Partner's 5♦ is showing one key card. We have two key cards so with two missing we sign off in 5♥.

Answer: 5♠

Partner's 5♦ bid shows one key card. We have two key cards so with two missing we sign off in 5♠.

Answer: 4NT

With 19 points, we probably want to be in 6NT opposite a maximum 1NT opening. With no agreed suit, a bid of 4NT in this situation is a natural invitation to 6NT, not KCB.

Hand: 7				South ♠ 4 ♥ Q J 7 4 ♦ A K Q 8 6 ♣ K 8 6
West	North	East	South	
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦	
Pass	4NT	Pass	3♥	
			?	
Hand: 8				South ♠ 2 ♥ K 9 7 6 2 ♦ A K 9 5 ♣ K Q 7
West	North	East	South	
	1♣	Pass	1♥	
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT	
Pass	5♦	Pass	?	
Hand: 9				South ♠ A 5 4 ♥ K 7 2 ♦ A Q J 4 ♣ 10 9 6
West	North	East	South	
	1♥	Pass	2♦	
Pass	3NT	Pass	?	
Hand: 10				South ♠ A K J 6 ♥ A 10 4 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ K Q 9
West	North	East	South	
			2NT	
Pass	4NT	Pass	?	

Answer: 5♦

With only one ace and lacking the king of the agreed trump suit, we bid 5♦ to show 1 or 5 key cards.

Answer: 5♥

Partner has shown one key card and we have two. That's two missing so we sign off in 5♥.

Answer: 4NT

In this sequence, a raise of NT to 4NT is natural and quantitative, not KCB. Partner's 3NT typically shows 17-19 points. If partner has 19 points, 6NT could be a good contract.

Answer: Pass

A raise of NT to 4NT is normally natural and quantitative, not KCB. This certainly applies immediately over a 1NT or 2NT opening. With a minimum 20 points, we're happy to reject partner's invitation to 6NT.