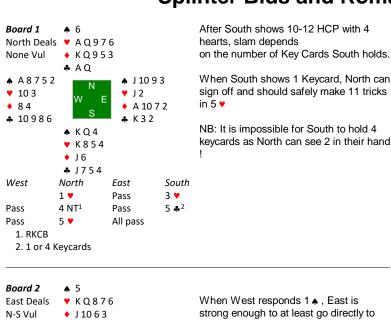
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game. 4 ♥ shows game values in spades ♣ J 10 5 ♠ KQ92 with shortage in hearts. This is great ♠ AJ874 news for West who uses Key Card. East ♥ J53 **y** 4 shows 0 or 3. Thus, slam will be good as ♦ K4 AQ872 long as East holds the A Q. ♣ K87 ♣ AQ4 **▲** 1063 NB: The strong 4 ♥ bid by East must A 10 9 2 mean they have 3 key cards, not zero! 95 9632 West North East South Pass 1 • 1 🛧 Pass 4 🕶 1 Pass 5 **\ \ 3** 4 NT2 Pass Pass 5 🔻 Pass 5 NT4 Pass All pass 1. Splinter agreeing spades and a singleton or void in * 2. RKCB 3. 0 or 3 key cards 4. Showing the Q of trumps and no outside Kings

Board 3 ▲ A764 South Deals ▼ KQ3 E-W Vul ♦ K8754 **.** 3 **♠** 1052 J852 **9** 9 7 6 A 10 2 J963 ♣ A9852 ♣ Q 10 4 ♠ KQ983 A 10 4 Q ♣ KJ76 West North East South 1 4 **♣**¹ **Pass** Pass 1. Splinter agreeing spades and a Singleton or void in 4

4 & is a splinter showing values for game in Spades and shortage in clubs.

Because of this, South's honours in clubs are not that valuable, so they sign off in game rather than look for a slam.

Declarer should make 11 tricks.

Board 4 **▲** J943 West Deals 103 1043 ♣ QJ76 ♠ Q7 ♠ AK652 ▼ KQJ875 A 9 2 96 ♦ KQ85 ♣ A85 ***** 9 **▲** 108 **9** 64 AJ72 ♣ K10432 West South North 1 🔻 Pass 1 🌲 Pass 2 🔻 Pass 4 **♣**¹ Pass 4 NT² **5** ♥³ **Pass** Pass 6 🔻 All pass 1. Splinter agreeing hearts and a singleton

or void in ♣ 2. RKCB 4 shows game values in hearts with shortage in clubs. East only has 3 hearts but they know their partner has at least 5 (but normally has 6).

West has an ideal club holding and asks for Key Cards. With East holding 2 of the 3 missing Key Cards and showing a strong game-going hand, West can bid to 6 ▼. The contract should make, losing just the ❖ A.

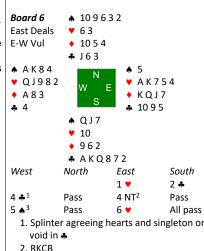
Board 5 North Deals Y AQJ43 N-S Vul ♦ KQ76 ♣ AQ73 ★ K8742 ♠ 109653 **9** 10 6 2 ▼ K87 J 10 9 5 **4** 106 ♣ K952 A Q J **9** 5 A8432 ♣ J84 West South North East 1 🔻 Pass 2 🔷 3 **♠**¹ Pass 3 NT Pass All pass

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singleton or void in A

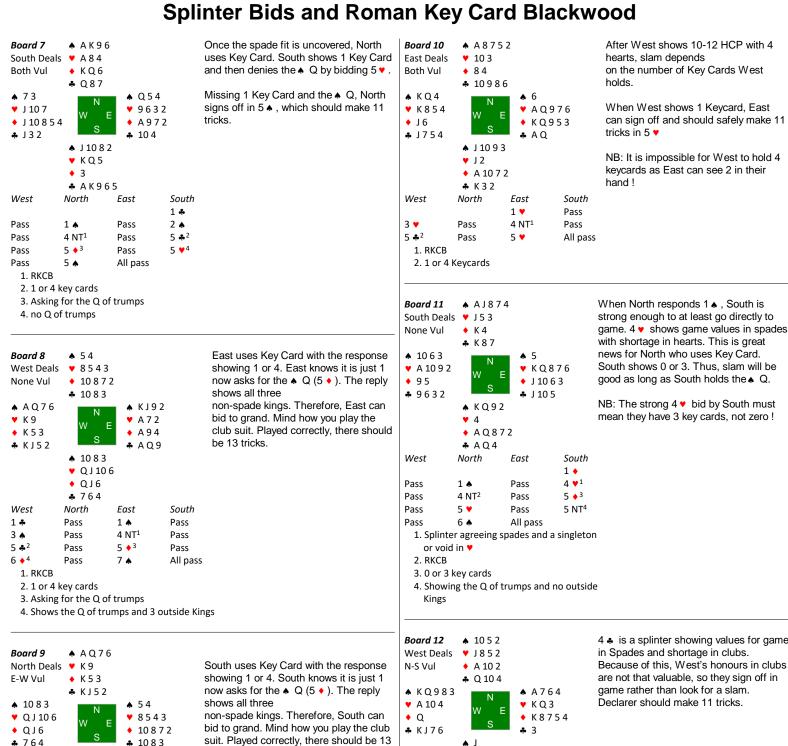
3. 2 key cards and no Q of trumps

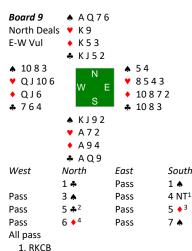
3 ♠ is a splinter agreeing diamonds because 2 ♠ would be a strong reverse bid. However, with too many HCP in spades, slam is unlikely. South signs off in 3 NT and should make their contract comfortably.



3. 2 key cards and the Q of trumps

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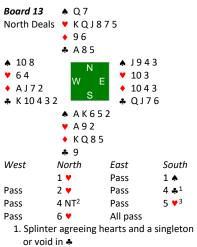
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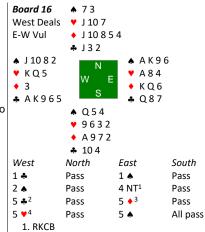
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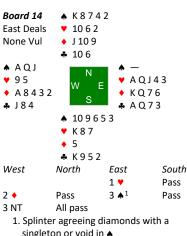
3. Asking for the Q of trumps

Once the spade fit is uncovered, East uses Key Card. West shows 1 Key Card and then denies the A Q by bidding 5 ♥.

Missing 1 Key Card and the ♠ Q, East signs off in 5 ♠, which should make 11

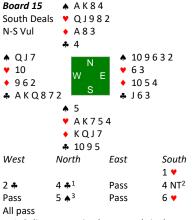
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singleton or void in A

4 shows game values in hearts with shortage in clubs. With no wasted honours in clubs, South looks for slam and bids to 6 ♥ when their partner shows two of three missing Key Cards and the ♥ Q.



- 1. Splinter agreeing hearts and singleton or void in 4
- 2. RKCB
- 3. 2 key cards and the Q of trumps