

## Roman Key Card Blackwood (RKCB)

A very popular variant of Blackwood, is to treat the king of trumps as if it were an ace, so there are now *five key cards* you can ask about, instead of just four.

In addition you can often find out if partner has the queen of trumps.

The Five Key Cards are:  
Four Aces + King of Trump

In response to a bid of 4NT, partner shows how many key cards he has as follows:

- 5♣ shows zero or three key cards
- 5♦ shows one or four key cards
- 5♥ shows two or (rarely) five key cards, without the queen of trumps
- 5♠ shows two or (rarely) five key cards, with the queen of trumps

*If no suit has been agreed **the last suit bid** is assumed to be the trump suit*

If partner determines that all five key cards are present he can bid 5NT to ask about the other three kings:

- 6♣ shows zero kings
- 6♦ shows one king
- 6♥ shows two kings
- 6♠ shows three kings

DLR: West		W	N	E	S
		1♥	P	2♦	P
		2♥	P	4NT	P
		5♠	P	6♥	P
		P	P		
♠ J 9 2 ♥ K Q J 6 5 ♦ A 8 ♣ J 8 7 (12 pts)	N W      E S	♠ A K Q ♥ A 10 9 7 ♦ K Q J 10 7 ♣ 2 (19pts)			

DLR: West		W	N	E	S
		1♥	P	2♠	P
		3♠	P	4NT	P
		5♥	P	5NT	P
		6♦	P	7♠/7NT	P
♠ K 8 4 3 ♥ Q J 10 6 5 ♦ A 8 ♣ K 8 (13 pts)	N W      E S	♠ A Q J 10 9 2 ♥ A 2 ♦ K Q J 10 ♣ A (21pts)			

If your partner responds 5♣ (0 or 3) or 5♦ (1 or 4) a new suit by you (other than the trump suit), is an enquiry about the queen of trumps.

DLR: West		W	N	E	S
		2NT	P	3♣	P
		3♥	P	4NT	P
		5♣	P	5♦	P
	W	N	E	S	♠ K Q J 9 ♥ A 10 9 2 ♦ 7 ♣ K 9 4 3 (13pts)

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		2NT	P	3♣	P
		3♥	P	4NT	P
		5♣	P	5♦	P
		5♠	P	6♥	P
		P	P		
♠ A 8 7 ♥ K Q 7 5 ♦ K Q 10 8 ♣ A Q (20 pts)	W	N	E	S	♠ K Q J 9 ♥ A 10 9 2 ♦ 7 ♣ K 9 4 3 (13pts)

In Direct Response to an opening 1NT or 2NT, 4NT is not Blackwood or RKCB, but quantitative (invitational). In all other cases 4NT is RKCB.

DLR: West		W	N	E	S
		2NT	P	4NT	P
		P	P		
<p>♠ A 8 7  ♥ K Q 7 5  ♦ K Q 4 2  ♣ A Q (20 pts)</p>	<p>W                      N     E     S</p>	<p>♠ K 10 9  ♥ A J 2  ♦ J 9 3  ♣ K 9 4 3 (12pts)</p>			

### Advantages

- Able to find out about the king of trump, and sometimes queen of trump

### Disadvantages

- More to remember
- Slight chance you will misinterpret your partner's 5♣ (0 or 3) or 5♦ (1 or 4) bid.

This week: Prize week

Next week

- Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> Children in Need Charity Game
- Slides from today are on [www.bridgeclass.co.uk/results](http://www.bridgeclass.co.uk/results)
- More on Cue Bids, Gerber, RKCB, redouble etc in “Modern Acol Bidding” £10

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Continuing Bridge: An intermediate level course starts December 7<sup>th</sup> 2016

Wednesday and Thursday afternoons 2:00-4:00pm Pinner Bridge Club

Thursday evenings 7:30-9:30pm St John's Church

- Review the contested and uncontested auction
- Planning the Play
- 3rd Hand Play
- 2nd Hand Play
- The Danger Hand, holding up
- Showing shape, 4441 hands
- Losing Trick Count: an easier way to bid
- The Law of Total Tricks: how high to bid?
- Slam Bidding: Cue Bids
- More on doubles: negative or Sputnik
- Fourth Suit Forcing
- Bending the rules
- Defensive signals and discarding
- Defence against suit contracts
- Lead of king vs NT
- Red Suit Transfers
- Weak Twos
- Landy