

Roman Key Card Blackwood (RKCB) & Splinters

1. You are West and your partner opens 1♠.

There is no interference. What do you bid with each of the following hands ?

(a)
♠ AQ76
♥ 976
♦ KQ872
♣ 5

(b)
♠ KQ5
♥ AJ64
♦ 5
♣ Q9876

(c)
♠ JT76
♥ -
♦ KQ843
♣ AQ93

(d)
♠ QJ876
♥ AK
♦ KQ876
♣ 7

2. You are West and you open 1♥ and your partner splinters 4♦.

There is no interference. What do you now bid with each of the following hands ?

(a)
♠ AQ87
♥ KQ965
♦ A82
♣ 4

(b)
♠ J7
♥ KQ965
♦ KQ82
♣ A4

(c)
♠ KQ
♥ K98653
♦ AT82
♣ 4

(d)
♠ 7
♥ K9865
♦ AK82
♣ QJ4

3. You are West and the bidding has gone as follows:

East	South	West	North
1♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	?	

What do you now bid with each of the following hands ?

(a)
♠ A74
♥ QJ52
♦ KQ872
♣ 7

(b)
♠ KQ874
♥ QJT5
♦ QJ7
♣ 7

(c)
♠ 874
♥ KJT5
♦ AKQ87
♣ 7

(d)
♠ K874
♥ KQT52
♦ KJ87
♣ -

4. You are West and the bidding has gone as follows:

East	South	West	North
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	?	

4♥ = 18-19 HCP

4NT = RKCB

5♣ = 1 or 4 Keycards

What do you now bid with each of the following hands ?

(a)

♠ A87
♥ AQ74
♦ K865
♣ J6

(b)

♠ A875
♥ QJ74
♦ K865
♣ 6

(c)

♠ Q53
♥ AJ74
♦ A5
♣ A652

(d)

♠ Q53
♥ AQJ7
♦ A865
♣ A4

ANSWERS

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4♣

Splinter

(b)

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♥ AJ64
♦ 5
♣ Q9876

2♣

Do not splinter with 3 of partner's suit

(c)

♠ JT76
♥ -
♦ KQ843
♣ AQ93

4♥

Splinter

(d)

♠ QJ876
♥ AK
♦ KQ876
♣ 7

4NT

No need to splinter. All you want to know is how many keycards partner has

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There is no interference. What do you now bid with each of the following hands ?

(a)

♠ AQ87
♥ KQ965
♦ A82
♣ 4

4NT

RKCB
Partner's ♦ holding is perfect

(b)

♠ J7
♥ KQ965
♦ KQ82
♣ A4

4♥

To play. Partner's ♦ holding is not helpful

(c)

♠ KQ
♥ K98653
♦ AT82
♣ 4

4NT

RKCB
Although minimum HCP, if partner has 2 or 3 Keycards this is a good slam to be in

(d)

♠ 7
♥ K9865
♦ AK82
♣ QJ4

4♥

To play. Minimum hand and ♦AK not useful enough opposite partner's singleton

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(a)
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 ♦ AQ872
 ♣ 7
 5♠

 2 Keycards
 and the Q♥

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 ♠ KQ874
 ♥ QJT5
 ♦ QJ7
 ♣ 7
 5♦

 0 or 3 Keycards

(c)
 ♠ 874
 ♥ KJT5
 ♦ AKQ87
 ♣ 7
 5♥

 2 Keycards
 and not the Q♥

(d)
 ♠ K874
 ♥ KQT52
 ♦ KJ87
 ♣ -
 5♣

 1 or 4 Keycards.
 (Obviously 1 !!)

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5♣	Pass	?	

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 4NT = RKCB
 5♣ = 1 or 4 Keycards

What do you now bid with each of the following hands ?

(a)
 ♠ A87
 ♥ AQ74
 ♦ K865
 ♣ J6
 5♥

 2 Keycards
 missing

(b)
 ♠ A875
 ♥ QJ74
 ♦ K865
 ♣ 6
 5♥

 In case partner only
 has one Keycard. If
 they have four, they
 bid 6♥

(c)
 ♠ Q53
 ♥ AJ74
 ♦ A5
 ♣ A652
 5♦

 Asking for the Q♥
 and happy to be in
 slam if they do

(d)
 ♠ Q53
 ♥ AQJ7
 ♦ A865
 ♣ A4
 6♥

 Only one Keycard
 missing so happy
 to bid slam