

BLACKWOOD

Recap

It should be used:

both

1. WHEN A SUIT HAS BEEN AGREED

and also

2. WHEN YOU KNOW THAT YOUR COMBINED VALUES ARE ENOUGH FOR SLAM

RESPONSES TO 4NT

	Traditional Blackwood	Traditional RKCB (0314)	RKCB (1430)
5♣	0 or 4 Aces	0 or 3 Key Cards	1 or 4 Key Cards
5♦	1 Ace	1 or 4 Key Cards	3 or 0 Key Cards
5♥	2 Aces	2 Key Cards No trump Q	2 Key Cards No trump Q
5♠	3 Aces	2 Key Cards and trump Q	2 Key Cards and trump Q

How should these hands be bid?

You

♠ 5
♥ A Q 7 6 4
♦ K Q J 4 2
♣ A K

Partner

♠ K J T 4
♥ J T 9 2
♦ A 3
♣ Q T 7 3

1♥ (higher of two five card suits) 3♥ (10-12 with at least four♥)
4NT (partner could have ♠A,♥K,♦A) 5♣ (one key card)
5♥ (missing two key cards) pass

You

♠ A
♥ A Q 8 7 4 3 2
♦ 9
♣ A K T 6

Partner

♠ K 5 4
♥ 9 6 5
♦ A K 8 5 4
♣ 5 2

1♥ (not strong enough for 2♣) 2♦
3♥ 4♥
4NT (partner could have K♥,A♦) 5♣ (one key card)
6♥ (missing one key card)

You

♠ K 7 4 2
♥ A 8
♦ K Q 7 6 4
♣ 9 7 2

1♦

5♠ (two key cards and ♦Q)

6♦ (one king, ignoring ♦K)

Partner

♠ A 9
♥ K J
♦ A J T 8 3 2
♣ A Q J

4NT (at least 31 points, ♦ fit)

5NT (all key cards held, grand?)

6NT (K missing, scores more than 6♦)

You

♠ A K J T 4 3
♥ K Q J 6
♦ A
♣ A K

2♦ (forcing to game)

2♠

4NT

5♦ (have you got ♠Q?)

7NT (scores more than 7♠)

Partner

♠ Q 5 2
♥ A 8 7
♦ J T 6 2
♣ T 7 3

2♥ (compulsory)

3♠

5♣ (one, must be ♥A)

6♠ (yes, but no outside K)