

# BIDDING SLAMS

EASILY



EASLEY BLACKWOOD

METHODS

BLACKWOOD

KEYCARD BLACKWOOD

ROMAN KEYCARD BLACKWOOD

INVITATIONAL BIDS

BLACKWOOD

ONE PARTNER SNIFFS A SLAM

BIDS 4NT ASKING FOR ACES

THIS IS USUALLY A JUMP BID  
(BUT NOT ALWAYS)

# SNIFFING REQUIREMENTS

A VERY GOOD FIT

HIGH COMBINED POINTS

ATTRACTIVE DISTRIBUTION

OPTIMISM

# Responses

5C - no aces

5D - one ace

5H - two aces

5S - three aces

But..... this is out-of-date

KEYCARD BLACKWOOD



# 4NT – how many keycards

A keycard is an Ace or the King of the agreed trump suit

OR - if no agreed suit then the King of the last suit to be bid

# SO...KCB responses are

5C - zero or four keycards

5D - one or five keycards

5H - two keycards

5S – three keycards

♠	KT54	QJ987
♥	AK	6
♦	T3	AQ5
♣	AQJ53	K942

Bidding...

1C

1S

4S

4NT

5S

6S

ROMAN KEYCARD BLACKWOOD

Popular with the 'experts'

But many people make mistakes

So some gurus recommend  
staying with the simpler KCB

However – this is how it works

# RKCB Responses

5C 0 or 3 keycards

5D 1 or 4 keycards

5H 2 or 5 keycards without Q of trumps

5S 2 or 5 keycards with Q of trumps

Here's the tricky bit...

Over 5C & 5D responses

If the 4Nter bids the next suit up  
(but not the trump suit) this asks  
for the Q of trumps

Without the Q responder bids  
trumps at lowest level

With the Q responder bids anything  
else which might be useful



♠ AQJ54

♥ J54

♦ 3

♣ AK74

K3

AKQ876

A65

63

1S

4NT

5D

7NT

3H

5C

5S

# What about this?

♠ AKQ87

J63

♥ AK75

T42

♦ 93

AK42

♣ A3

Q95

# OTHER TECHNIQUES

Splinter Bids

Cue Bidding

Quantitative Raises

Now let's try it out!

We have 8 boards prepared  
(supplied by the EBU)

After each hand has been played  
please review what happened