



Blackwood convention and Queen of trump

Responding to Blackwood 5 RKC

- 5 ♣ with 3 or 0 key(s) : that's 30
- 5 ♦ with 4 or 1 key(s) : that's 41
- 5 ♥ 2 keys without Q trump
- 5 ♠ 2 keys and Q trump
- 5 SA 2 keys and a void

If you are looking for a big slam, or even to ask for a small slam if one key is missing, you may want to ask your partner if he holds Q trump. As you have noticed, you know about Q trump only in case your partner has 2 keys.

J	10	K	8	4	7	6	3	A	Q	J	9	4
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♠			

A	K	Q	9	4	3	A	7	5	4	K	7	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♦	♦	♦

Exercise E6282 4 NT = direct Blackwood (no control sequence as S holds them all!). In this case, no problem N has Q trump...

Quiz 2

,E9381,2,Exercise E9381 The pair has all the keys. How can the responder know if the opener has Q trump?



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How can you ask your partner about Queen trump ?

One will use the "collante" :

- With a ♥ or ♠ trump : after a 5 ♣ response, using the "collante" is using the suit right above 5 ♦, asking : do you have Q trump ?
- With a ♠ trump: After a 5 ♦ response, 5 ♥ is asking : do you have Queent trump ? It is still time to stop before small slam.
- With a ♥ trump After a 5 ♦ response, the question is asked with 5 ♠ (you must skip 5 ♥ which would be a Stop). 5 ♠ : do you have Queen trump. Then you can't stop before small slam. Therefore, you may ask the question if and only if a big slam is possible, meaning holding all keys!



S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	6 ♠	



Exercise E9373 After a 5 ♦ response (4 or 1 key), 5 ♥ is asking for Q trump.



S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	



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Exercise E974 5 ♥ :do you hold Q trump ?



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How to answer this question ?

- If the responder doesn't have Queen trump, he gets back to the lowest level in trump.
- Any other bid is agreeing having Q trump. The responder may use the available steps in order to give informations about his honors



S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	6 ♠	



Exercise E9373 6 ♥ : I've got Q trump and K ♥.



S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	



Exercise E9374 5 ♠ : I don't have the Q (back to the lowest level in trump).