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| South bids 2NT to show four card support and 13 plus HCP and no singleton or void. <br> North shows the shortage but with values in the short suit South is turned off. South has only 10 TP leaving the partnership well short to 26 TP. <br> W bids 2 NT to show 4 card support and 13 plus HCP. E rebids at the 4 level to show a basic opener which $W$ who has a flat hand is happy to pass. |  |
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| When South shows a singleton or void in diamonds, all that remains for North is to check on aces. South shows three. Now North can see that there are no losers. | E bids 2NT to show at least 4 card support and 13 plus points. After $W$ shows the shortage E does the calculation to 26. Provided the $Q S$ is in partners hand a slam looks sure. E uses RKCB and gets the answer 1 or 3 . A $Q$ check with the next suit up shows the $Q$ is held allowing $E$ to bid $6 S$ |

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| South is able to splinter on the way to game. With the recalculation by $N$ after the splinter, and falling short of $26 \mathrm{TP}, \mathrm{N}$ stops in game. | After learning of the club shortage $W$ is turned off as the magic 26 cannot be reached. However in this instance E knows he has a 4 loser hand despite low points and decides to Keycard anyway. It is a risky slam based upon the spade finesse working. A 5050 slam in teams should definitely be bid. |

