

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 2
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A Q 9 8 2

17
8 7
8

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A 9 8 6 4

♥ A K Q

♦ 7

♣ K J 6 3



♠ K 7 5 3

♥ J 8 7

♦ A 8 6 5

♣ 7 4

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

Pass

NORTH may have a good hand but
SOUTH merely gave a simple raise.

Even if SOUTH has a maximum there
won't be a slam.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 5 3
 ♥ 10 9 4 2
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ K J 4

7
 10 16
 7

West

3 ♥

4 ♦

Pass

6 ♥ by East

♠ K 9 8 2

♥ A

♦ 10 9 6 5 3

♣ 7 3 2



♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ 7 5

♦ Q 7 4

♣ 10 9 8

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4 ♣

6 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

EAST has a tough decision after the two Control-showing bids.

If he uses Blackwood and WEST shows two Aces he will be no better off, because he won't know if one

of the Aces is the useless \hat{a}^{TM} A. Based on knowing that WEST holds the

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

A,

he bids 6

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\Upsilon$

, hoping that he can at least make that and that 7 isn't a laydown!

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 6

♣ J 10 9 2

10
3 6
21

♠ A 7

♥ K 3

♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2

♣ 7 6

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♠ K 6 2

♥ A 10 9

♦ A K 3

♣ A K 8 4

♠ Q J 5

♥ J 7 5 4 2

♦ 10 5

♣ Q 5 3

West	North	East	South
			2 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 NT
Pass	7 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
7 NT by South			

NORTH isn't sure just how much he can make, but surely 6

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

isn't

too much to hope for.

He starts with a Gerber $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{E}$ and SOUTH shows three Aces.

Hmmm, $5\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{E}$ asks for Kings and SOUTH shows three.

Hmm, NORTH can now count all thirteen tricks, so he forgets about the

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slam and bids 7 NT.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K Q
♥ K Q 6
♦ K Q 3
♣ J 8 7 5

5
20 11
4

West

2 NT

4 ♥

Pass

4 NT by West

♠ 10 9 4
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ A J 9 7
♣ 4 3



♠ 7 6 5 3 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ 10 6 4 2
♣ 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

4 ♣

4 NT

South

Pass

Pass

♠ J 8
♥ J 7 2
♦ 8 5
♣ A K Q 10 9 6

EAST has 13 points and can contribute six tricks so she figures that twelve tricks will be a slam (dunk).

However, just to make sure the opponents don't take the first two tricks she checks with Gerber.

Uh Oh, missing two Aces she signs off at 4 NT. She could also happily play 5^{â™}£, but it

would be tricky to get there. Very tricky.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 8 3

♥ J 10 8

♦ J 5

♣ J 8 2

15
4 6
15

West

Pass

4 NT by North

♠ K 7 5

♥ Q 9 6

♦ A 9 8 3

♣ A Q 7

♠ A Q 6

♥ K 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ K 10 6 5 3

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 NT



♠ 4 2

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 7 4 2

♣ 9 4

Yes, this has nothing to do with Gerber or Blackwood, but everything to do with smart bidding.

SOUTH has a 16 points and NORTH has 15, 16 or 17. SOUTH wants to be in 6 NT if NORTH has 17,

but merely a Notrump game if she has 15 or 16.

The way to find out is to bid 4 NT - not Blackwood but merely an invitation to bid 6 NT.

In this case, NORTH has but 15 points and declines the invitation. If her

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were changed to the

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A she would bid 6 NT and collect her twelve easy tricks.