Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 5
♡ A K 10 7 5 3
♢ K 7
♣ J 9 6

♠ Q 9 3
♡ 9 2
♢ Q 10 5
♣ K Q 10 7 3

♠ J 10 7 6
♡ 4
♢ J 4 2
♣ A 8 5 4 2

14
9 6
11

♠ A 8 4 2
♡ Q J 8 6
♢ A 9 8 6 3
♣ —

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
	1♡	Pass	4♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	7♡	Pass	Pass
Pass			

7♡ by North

SOUTH's jump to 4â™£ is a Splinter bid, at least 4-card

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support,

at least opening hand, and a â™£ Singleton or Void.

NORTH bids 4 NT, Blackwood.

SOUTH's 5 NT reply shows two Aces and a Void somewhere, obviously â™£s.

NORTH counts thirteen tricks and bids 7

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Deal 2
East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 9 7 4 2
♡ 8 2
♢ Q 7 5
♣ A 4

♠ —
♡ A 9 7 5
♢ K 9 8 6 4
♣ J 9 3 2

♠ K 5 3
♡ K Q J 10 3
♢ A
♣ K Q 10 6

9
8 **18**
5

♠ A 10 8 6
♡ 6 4
♢ J 10 3 2
♣ 8 7 5

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
		1 ♡	Pass
3 ♡	Pass	4 NT	Pass
6 ♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

6 ♡ by East

EAST figures that if WEST holds two Aces he will bid the slam.

WEST only has one Ace, but she has something else just as good - a void in a suit which

is higher-ranking than

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s.

EAST manages to figure out that WEST has a â™ void and bids the slam anyway.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 7 5 3
♡ J 8 7
♢ A 8 6 5
♣ 7 4

♠ J 10
♡ 10 5 4 3
♢ K Q J 10 4
♣ 10 5

♠ Q 2
♡ 9 6 2
♢ 9 3 2
♣ A Q 9 8 2

8
7 **8**
17

♠ A 9 8 6 4
♡ A K Q
♢ 7
♣ K J 6 3

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

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

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

Deal 4
West Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 10 6 4
♡ 7 5
♢ Q 7 4
♣ 10 9 8

♠ —
♡ K Q J 8 6 3
♢ K J 2
♣ A Q 6 5

♠ Q 7 5 3
♡ 10 9 4 2
♢ A 8
♣ K J 4

7
16 10
7

♠ K 9 8 2
♡ A
♢ 10 9 6 5 3
♣ 7 3 2

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
1♡	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♢	Pass
6♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

6♡ by West

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

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

of the Aces is the useless â™ A. Based on knowing that EAST holds the

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A,

he bids 6

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