

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T 8 6

♥ A 6

♦ 9 6

♣ J T 7 2

♠ A K

♥ K 9 4 2

♦ J T 8 5

♣ 8 6 3



♠ 7 5 4 3 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A 9 5

♠ 9

♥ Q J T 7 5

♦ A K Q 3

♣ K Q 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

3♥

Pass

1♥

Pass

5♦

Pass

4NT

All Pass

5♥

5♥ by South

Baker Blackwood 1

Your 3♥ bid showed 11-12 points. Decide how you would answer partner's Blackwood 4NT, then on BID above.

The Blackwood response for 1 Ace is 5♦. Partner evidently was hoping for 2, and he signs off at 5♥. He is the Captain so you pass.

Board 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 6 4

♥ T 9 6

♦ J 5 4

♣ 7 3 2

♠ K 9 5

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 3

♣ K Q J 6 4

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♠ A 3 2

♥ J 8 5 4 3

♦ 7 2

♣ T 8 5

♠ Q J 8

♥ K Q 2

♦ A T 9 8 6

♣ A 9

West

North

East

South

Pass

4♣

Pass

4♠

Pass

6NT

All Pass

6NT by North

Baker Blackwood 2

Your 1NT bid showed 15-17 points and a balanced hand. Decide how you would answer partner's Gerber 4♣, then on BID above.

The Gerber response to show 2 Aces is 4♠. So you bid 4♠ and partner jumps to 6NT, which you pass.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 5 3 2

♥ 8 6 4

♦ A

♣ 9 6 4 2

♠ K 8

♥ K 2

♦ K Q J T 8 4 3

♣ A 3



♠ T 6 4

♥ A 9 7 3

♦ 6 2

♣ T 8 7 5

♠ A Q J

♥ Q J T 5

♦ 9 7 5

♣ K Q J

West

North

East

South

Pass

4♣

Pass

1NT

Pass

4NT

All Pass

4NT by North

Baker Blackwood 3

Very interesting! If partner's 1NT bid happens to include 3 Aces and one King you can count 13 tricks ♠ o you bid 4♣, definitely Gerber following the 1NT opening. Partner answers 4♥. What do you say next?

You almost refuse to believe it! How can partner have a 1NT opener with only 1 Ace? But you trust your partner so you bid 4NT. Everybody passes and you stare in amazement at partner's 16 points.

Wouldn't it have been funny if partner had thought your 4♣ bid was Stayman? And so his 4♥ bid would have been showing a suit. And then your 4NT bid would have been Blackwood. And then he would have answered 5♦ and you would have passed and made it!

Board 4
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ J T 6
 ♥ 7 3 2
 ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ T 9 6 2

♠ K Q 7
 ♥ A 6 5
 ♦ Q T 8 3
 ♣ K J 4



♠ 5 4 3 2
 ♥ 9 8 4
 ♦ A 7 5
 ♣ 8 7 5

♠ A 9 8
 ♥ K Q J T
 ♦ K J 6
 ♣ A Q 3

| West | North | East | South |
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| | | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 4♣ | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | 6NT | All Pass | |

6NT by North

Baker Blackwood 4
 With a 20 point balanced hand you open 2NT. What do you rebid after partner jumps to 4♣?

The 4♣ bid is Gerber and your correct response with 2 Aces is 4♠. Partner now bids 6NT and since he is the Captain you pass.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 9 6 3 2

♥ Q

♦ -

♣ Q J T 9 4 3

♠ A K

♥ K 9 4 2

♦ K Q J T 5 4

♣ 8



♠ T 7 5

♥ 7 5

♦ A 9 8 7 2

♣ K 6 2

♠ 8 4

♥ A J T 8 6 3

♦ 6 3

♣ A 7 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

4NT

Pass

2♥

Pass

6♥

All Pass

5♥

6♥ by North

Baker Blackwood 5

Partner opens a Weak 2-bid and catches you with a blockbuster. The only thing you want to know about his hand now is how many Aces he has. So you bid 4NT. Partner answers 5♥. What do you bid?

That makes it simple, with 2 Aces you bid a confident 6♥. If he had 1 Ace you would have bid an also confident 5♥. If he had zero Aces you would have been in a spot of trouble. And if he had 3 Aces you would have asked him how he could open a Weak-2 with that many points.