Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

	♠ A K Q 9 8 3	
	♥ 2	
	◇ A K	
	♣ K Q J 8	

♠ 10	N	♠ 6 5
♥ A 10 8 7 3	W E	♥ J 9 6
◇ Q 10 9 5 3	S	◇ J 7 6 4
♣ 4 2		♣ A 10 9 6

	♠ J 7 4 2	
	♥ K Q 5 4	
	◇ 8 2	
	♣ 7 5 3	

22
6 6
6

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ◇
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

5 ♠ by North

SOUTH's 3♠ supporting bid is enough to convince NORTH to make a slam try.

NORTH bids Blackwood 4 NT. If SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH plans to bid 6♠, but

when SOUTH bids 5♣ NORTH settles for 5♠

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

	♠ A 6 4
	♡ K J 9
	♦ A K Q J 9
	♣ K Q

♠ K Q 9 7 2		♠ 10 8 5
♡ 7 5 2	N	♡ 4 3
♦ 7 5 2	W E	♦ 8 6 4
♣ 9 5	S	♣ A 8 6 3 2

	♠ J 3
	♡ A Q 10 8 6
	♦ 10 3
	♣ J 10 7 4

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♡
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♡	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 ♡ by South

SOUTH makes a positive 3

♥

response to NORTH's 2♣ opener.

This promises at least 8 points and a 5-card suit with two or more honors.

NORTH only needs to know one thing - how many Aces in the SOUTH hand.

A Blackwood 4 NT tells her the answer is one, so she bids 6

♥

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Deal 3
North Deals
None Vul

North hand: ♠ A 9 7 ♡ Q J 4 2 ◊ K Q 8 6 ♣ A 5

West hand: ♠ 8 5 3 ♡ 9 8 5 ◊ J 9 5 2 ♣ 10 6 4

East hand: ♠ J 10 6 4 2 ♡ A 10 7 3 ◊ 10 7 3 ♣ 8

South hand: ♠ K Q ♡ K 6 ◊ A 4 ♣ K Q J 9 7 3 2

16
1   5
18

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 NT by North

When NORTH opens 1 NT, point-count alone tells SOUTH that 6 NT can surely be made.

NORTH is bound to hold at least two Aces. But SOUTH doesn't want to miss a Grand slam.

SOUTH bids 4♣, (Gerber), and NORTH admits to just two Aces.

So SOUTH settles for the small slam.

Deal 4
North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 5 2
♡ A J 7 4 3
♦ A Q
♣ 9 8

♠ 8 7
♡ 10 8
♦ J 8 4 2
♣ J 7 6 5 4

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      N
   W     E
      S
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♠ 10
♡ Q 9 6 2
♦ 10 9 6 5
♣ Q 10 3 2

♠ A K Q 6 4 3
♡ K 5
♦ K 7 3
♣ A K

12
2   4
22

West	North	East	South
	1 ♡	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♡	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 NT by South

SOUTH has a powerhouse and knows she will reach a slam somewhere. When NORTH

supports the ♠ s, it seems she has found her spot.

Blackwood tells her that NORTH has two Aces.

She can see there are 12 tricks available and decides to take a chance that

NORTH will have a thirteenth trick somewhere among his opening hand points.

She bids 7 NT.

Deal 5
South Deals
None Vul

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              ♠ J 7 3
              ♡ A J 10 9 8
              ◇ 8 3 2
              ♣ Q 8
♠ 10 9 6 4              ♠ Q 8 5
♡ 3          N         ♡ 7 4 2
◇ 10 6 5   W   E       ◇ A 9 7 4
♣ A 9 7 5 4    S       ♣ 10 3 2
              ♠ A K 2
              ♡ K Q 6 5
              ◇ K Q J
              ♣ K J 6
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8
4   6
22

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♡	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ◇	Pass	5 ♡
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♡ by North

SOUTH is tempted to go right to 6

♥

when she hears NORTH's positive

response. BUT, she should use Blackwood first.

It's good thing she did because NORTH admits to only one Ace - they are missing two Aces.