

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A K

♥ A Q 10 9 6

♦ A Q J 3

♣ A K

♠ Q J 10 8 5

♥ 8 7 4

♦ 6 2

♣ 10 8 3



♠ 6 4 3

♥ 2

♦ 10 9 8 5 4

♣ Q J 9 5

♠ 9 7 2

♥ K J 5 3

♦ K 7

♣ 7 6 4 2

27
3 3
7

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	7 NT	ALL	Pass
7 NT by North			

Deal 2

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 9 3

20

2 4

14

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

♠ K 7

♥ K 9

♦ A Q J 10 4

♣ A Q J 7



♠ A 6 2

♥ A 10 4

♦ K 7 5

♣ K 8 6 2

North

1 ♦

4 ♣

5 ♣

7 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4 ♠

5 ♠

Pass

NORTH is just shy of a 2nd opening bid, and when SOUTH shows 13-15 points NORTH

wants to be in a slam.

NORTH cannot use Blackwood because 4 NT would be a natural invitation, but with SOUTH's latest bid

being 2 NT he can use Gerber.

Two Major Aces and two Minor Kings fill the holes in NORTH's hand so he bids 7 NT.

Deal 3

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
♥ K 4
♦ K J 9 7 4
♣ A Q J 9 2

6
14 12
8

West

1 ♦

4 ♣

4 NT

Pass

5 ♦ by West

♠ J 10 8 3 2
♥ A J 10 9 8 5
♦ 2
♣ 5



♠ Q 9 7 4
♥ Q 6 3 2
♦ A 8
♣ 7 6 3

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

3 ♦

4 ♠

5 ♦

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

WEST thinks slam may be possible, so she uses Blackwood.

And that's what Blackwood is really good for - keeping you out of slams when you are

missing two Aces!

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 2

♥ 7 4

♦ Q J 4 2

♣ K J 3

16

7 5

12

♠ K 4

♥ K Q 10 9 5

♦ A 7 6

♣ A 5 4



♠ A Q J 7 3

♥ A J 8 6

♦ 5 3

♣ 8 7

♠ 10 5

♥ 3 2

♦ K 10 9 8

♣ Q 10 9 6 2

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 NT

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

6 ♥

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

NORTH knows SOUTH has at least five
 â™ s, and they might provide discards for
 two or three

of her minor suit losers.

She tries Blackwood and, sure enough,
 SOUTH comes through with two Aces.

Even with all the Aces NORTH knows
 there are not enough points for Grand,

so she bids 6

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