

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

**♠ A K Q 9 8 3**  
**♥ 2**  
**♦ A K**  
**♣ K Q J 8**

**♠ 10**  
**♥ A 10 8 7 3**  
**♦ Q 10 9 5 3**  
**♣ 4 2**

**22**  
**6 6**  
**6**

N      **♠ 6 5**  
W      **♥ J 9 6**  
E      **♦ J 7 6 4**  
S      **♣ A 10 9 6**

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	<b>2 ♣</b>	Pass	<b>2 ♦</b>
Pass	<b>2 ♠</b>	Pass	<b>3 ♠</b>
Pass	<b>4 NT</b>	Pass	<b>5 ♣</b>
Pass	<b>5 ♠</b>	Pass	Pass
Pass			
5 ♠ by North			

**Deal 2**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 7 2  
♥ 7 5 2  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ 9 5

**23**  
**5 4**  
**8**

West

♠ A 6 4  
♥ K J 9  
♦ A K Q J 9  
♣ K Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 8 5  
♥ 4 3  
♦ 8 6 4  
♣ 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

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response to NORTH's 2â™£ 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

♠ 8 5 3  
♥ 9 8 5  
♦ J 9 5 2  
♣ 10 6 4

**16**  
**1** 5  
**18**

♠ A 9 7  
♥ Q J 4 2  
♦ K Q 8 6  
♣ A 5



♠ J 10 6 4 2  
♥ A 10 7 3  
♦ 10 7 3  
♣ 8

♠ K Q  
♥ K 6  
♦ A 4  
♣ K Q J 9 7 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	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 $\spadesuit$  (Gerber), and NORTH admits to just two Aces.

So SOUTH settles for the small slam.

**Deal 4**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 7  
♥ 10 8  
♦ J 8 4 2  
♣ J 7 6 5 4

**12**  
**2 4**  
**22**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 NT by South

♠ J 9 5 2  
♥ AJ 7 4 3  
♦ A Q  
♣ 9 8

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

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.