Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

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              ♠ K 6 2
              ♥ A 10 9
              ♦ A K 3
              ♣ A K 8 4
♠ Q J 5              N          ♠ 10 9 8 4 3
♥ J 7 5 4 2       W   E        ♥ Q 8 6
♦ 10 5               S          ♦ 6
♣ Q 5 3                         ♣ J 10 9 2
              ♠ A 7
        21    ♥ K 3
      6   3   ♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2
        10    ♣ 7 6
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West	North	East	South
	2 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 NT	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 NT by North

SOUTH isn't sure just how much he can make, but surely 6

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isn't

too much to hope for.

He starts with a Gerber 4♣ and NORTH shows three Aces.

Hmmm, 5♣ asks for Kings and NORTH shows three.

Hmm, SOUTH can now count all thirteen tricks, so he forgets about the

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slam and bids 7 NT.

Deal 2
East Deals
None Vul

North: ♠ 7 6 5 3 2 ♡ A 9 5 ◊ 10 6 4 2 ♣ 2

West: ♠ J 8 ♡ J 7 2 ◊ 8 5 ♣ A K Q 10 9 6

East: ♠ A K Q ♡ K Q 6 ◊ K Q 3 ♣ J 8 7 5

South: ♠ 10 9 4 ♡ 10 8 4 3 ◊ A J 9 7 ♣ 4 3

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      N
   W     E
      S
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      4
  11     20
      5
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West	North	East	South
		2 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♡	Pass
4 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

4 NT by East

WEST has 13 points and can contribute six tricks so she figures that twelve tricks will be a slam (dunk).

However, just to make sure the opponents don't take the first two tricks she checks with Gerber.

Uh Oh, missing two Aces she signs off at 4 NT. She could also happily play 5♣, but it

would be tricky to get there. Very tricky.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 6
♡ K 7 3
◇ K 6
♣ K 10 6 5 3

♠ 4 2
♡ A 5 4 2
◇ Q 10 7 4 2
♣ 9 4

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 9 8 3
♡ J 10 8
◇ J 5
♣ J 8 2

15
6   4
15

♠ K 7 5
♡ Q 9 6
◇ A 9 8 3
♣ A Q 7

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	4 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 NT by South

Yes, this has nothing to do with Gerber or Blackwood, but everything to do with smart bidding.

NORTH has a 16 points and SOUTH has 15, 16 or 17. NORTH wants to be in 6 NT if SOUTH has 17,

but merely a Notrump game if she has 15 or 16.

The way to find out is to bid 4 NT - not Blackwood but merely an invitation to bid 6 NT.

In this case, SOUTH has but 15 points and declines the invitation. If her

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were changed to the

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A she would bid 6 NT and collect her twelve easy tricks.

Deal 4
West Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 5 3
♡ A 8 5 4
♢ 9 6
♣ 9 6 3

♠ A 8 7 6
♡ Q J 7
♢ A J 3
♣ A 8 2

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      N
   W     E
      S
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♠ K Q J 4
♡ K 6
♢ K 4
♣ K Q J 10 5

♠ 2
♡ 10 9 3 2
♢ Q 10 8 7 5 2
♣ 7 4

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     4
  16   18
     2
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West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	6 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

6 NT by West

When WEST opens 1 NT EAST hopes his hand includes all four Aces so she can bid 7 NT.

So she uses Gerber to find out.

But, when she discovers they are missing an Ace she settles for 6 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A K
♡ A Q 10 9 6
♦ A Q J 3
♣ A K

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

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3   3
7

♠ 9 7 2
♡ K J 5 3
♦ K 7
♣ 7 6 4 2

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 6

Deal 6
North Deals
None Vul

	♠ K 7		
	♡ K 9		
	♢ A Q J 10 4		
	♣ A Q J 7		

♠ 10 9 8 4 3	N	♠ Q J 5
♡ Q 8 6	W E	♡ J 7 5 3 2
♢ 8 2	S	♢ 9 6 3
♣ 10 9 3		♣ 5 4

♠ A 6 2
♡ A 10 4
♢ K 7 5
♣ K 8 6 2

20
2   4
14

West	North	East	South
	1 ♢	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	7 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

7 NT by South

NORTH is just shy of a 2♣ 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.