

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5 4 3 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 4 2

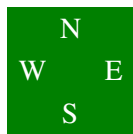
♣ A 9 5

♠ 9

♥ Q J T 7 5

♦ A K Q 3

♣ K Q 4



♠ 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

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4NT

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

5 ♥

All Pass

5 ♥ by North

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

North Deals

N-S Vul

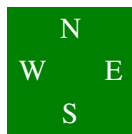
♠ K 9 5
♥ A 7
♦ K Q 3
♣ K Q J 6 4

♠ 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

♠ T 7 6 4

♥ T 9 6

♦ J 5 4

♣ 7 3 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

1NT

Pass

4♣

Pass

4♠

Pass

6NT

All Pass

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.

6NT by West

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 7 5 3 2

♥ 8 6 4

♦ A

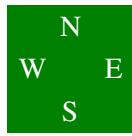
♣ 9 6 4 2

♠ 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

South Deals

Both Vul

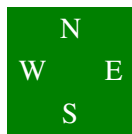
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♥ K Q J T
♦ K J 6
♣ A Q 3

♠ 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

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.

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

6NT by East

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

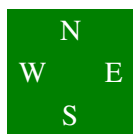
♠ T 7 5
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ A 9 8 7 2
 ♣ K 6 2

♠ 8 4

♥ A J T 8 6 3

♦ 6 3

♣ A 7 5



♠ 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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| | 2♥ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♥ | Pass | 6♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

6♥ by South

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.

Board 6

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 5
♥ A 9 8 5
♦ A Q
♣ K Q J 5 4

♠ Q J T 4

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 5 3 2

♣ 9 7 6

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| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ A 9 8 6
♥ K Q J T
♦ K T 8 6
♣ 3

♠ 7 3 2

♥ 6 4 3

♦ J 7 4

♣ A T 8 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| 1 ♣ | Pass | 1 ♥ | Pass |
| 4 ♥ | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 5 ♥ | Pass | 6 ♥ | All Pass |

6 ♥ by East

Baker Blackwood 6

You MIGHT say that with 13 points and partner controlling the ♣s you could jump to 2NT, "To show you my points, partner." You might say it but you won't because your first priority is to look for a Major suit fit. You bid 1 ♥ (skipping ♦s with the two Majors). Partner now jumps to 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner says you can make game even if you have a minimum 6 points. So he must have about 20. So you think you can make slam and you bid 4NT. Partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

Partner shows 2 Aces so you bid 6 ♥.