

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥

All Pass

5♥ by South

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 6 4
 ♥ T 9 6
 ♦ J 5 4
 ♣ 7 3 2

♠ K 9 5
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ K Q 3
 ♣ K Q J 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

6 NT by North

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.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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	4♥

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 5 4 3 2

♥ 9 8 4

♦ A 7 5

♣ 8 7 5

♠ A 9 8

♥ K Q J T

♦ K J 6

♣ A Q 3

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

6 NT by North

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.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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

	N	♠ T 7 5
W		♥ 7 5
	E	♦ A 9 8 7 2
S		♣ K 6 2

♠ 8 4
 ♥ A J T 8 6 3
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ A 7 5

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

6♥ by North

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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 3 2

♥ 6 4 3

♦ J 7 4

♣ A T 8 2

♠ K 5

♥ A 9 8 5

♦ A Q

♣ K Q J 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J T 4

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 5 3 2

♣ 9 7 6

♠ A 9 8 6

♥ K Q J T

♦ K T 8 6

♣ 3

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

6♥ by South

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♥.