

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 7 6 3
♥ Q 7
♦ A 9 7 2
♣ Q 6 2

9
8 7
16

♠ 8 4

♥ A J 10 8 6 3

♦ 6 3

♣ A 7 5



♠ A K

♥ K 9 4 2

♦ K Q J 10 5 4

♣ 8

♠ Q J 9 5 2

♥ 5

♦ 8

♣ K J 10 9 4 3

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 2 ♥ | Pass | 4 NT |
| Pass | 5 ♥ | Pass | 6 ♥ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| 6 ♥ by North | | | |

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 4 NT. 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.

Deal 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 7 4
♥ 7 4
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ 10 8 6

19
4 4
13

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

6 ♥ by South

♠ K 5
♥ A 9 8 5
♦ A Q
♣ K Q J 5 4

♠ 10 3 2
♥ 6 3 2
♦ 5 3 2
♣ A 9 7 2

♠ A 9 8 6
♥ K Q J 10
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ 3



You MIGHT say that with 13 points and partner controlling the ♣s you could jump to 2 NT, "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 4 NT. Partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

Partner shows 2 Aces so you bid 6 ♥.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 3

♥ J 4

♦ 6 5 3

♣ J 6 4

14
2 5
19

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by North

♠ Q 10 6

♥ A Q 5

♦ 10 8 7

♣ A Q 5 2



♠ A K

♥ K 10

♦ K Q J 9 4

♣ K 10 8 3

North

2 NT

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♦

4 ♣

6 NT

You dealt this hand.

You have 20 points and it would not be terrible to open 2 NT. However, strictly speaking you shouldn't open 2 NT with two doubletons. So you open 1 ♦. Partner responds with a jump to 2 NT. What do you bid?

With partner's 13-15 added onto your 20, bidding 6 NT would be a reasonable bid. However, it costs nothing to check for Aces first, so you bid 4 ♣. (Everybody agrees this is Gerber, right?) Partner answers 4 ♠. What do you bid?

Easy, missing one Ace you bid 6 NT.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
 ♥ 9 8 4 2
 ♦ Q 5 3 2
 ♣ 10 8 5 2

11
 2 5
 22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

ALL

6 NT by South

♠ A Q J 8 7 3

♥ 6

♦ 10 8 6

♣ A 6 3



♠ 10 9 2

♥ A K Q 10 5

♦ A K

♣ K Q J

North

1 ♠

3 ♠

5 ♥

6 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♥

4 NT

5 NT

6 NT

You dealt this hand.

With 13 points and a good Major suit you naturally open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♥. What do you bid next?

We are playing strong jump-shifts by Responder so partner is showing 17+ points. However, you are still stuck with your minimum opening so you just rebid 3 ♠. Partner bids 4 NT. What is your reply?

He asks for Aces so you bid 5 ♥ showing 2. He now bids 5 NT. What do you say?

You have no King. So you reply 6 ♣ and partner bids 6 NT (safer than 6 ♠).