

**Deal 1**

North Deals	♠ K 6 2
None Vul	♥ A 10 9
	♦ A K 3
	♣ A K 8 4
♠ Q J 5	♠ 10 9 8 4 3
♥ J 7 5 4 2	W N E
♦ 10 5	♦ Q 8 6
♣ Q 5 3	♦ 6
	♣ J 10 9 2
	♠ A 7
21	♥ K 3
6 3	♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2
10	♣ 7 6

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 4â™£ and NORTH shows three Aces.

Hmmm, 5â™£ 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

<b>♠ J 8</b>	<b>♦ A 9 5</b>	<b>♥ 10 6 4 2</b>	<b>♣ 2</b>
<b>♥ J 7 2</b>			
<b>♦ 8 5</b>			
<b>♣ A K Q 10 9 6</b>			
	<b>N</b>	<b>W E</b>	<b>S</b>
<b>♠ 10 9 4</b>	<b>♦ A K Q</b>	<b>♥ K Q 6</b>	<b>♣ J 8 7 5</b>
<b>11 20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10 8 4 3</b>	
<b>5</b>		<b>♦ K Q 3</b>	
	<b>♣ 4 3</b>	<b>♦ A J 9 7</b>	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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 5â™£, 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		♠ J 10 9 8 3	
♥ A 5 4 2	W N E	♥ J 10 8	
♦ Q 10 7 4 2	S	♦ J 5	
♣ 9 4		♣ J 8 2	
15 6 4 15	♠ K 7 5 ♥ Q 9 6 ♦ A 9 8 3 ♣ A Q 7		
West	North	East	South
Pass	4 NT	Pass	1 NT
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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A she would bid 6 NT and collect her twelve easy tricks.

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 8 7 6  
 ♥ Q J 7  
 ♦ A J 3  
 ♣ A 8 2

♠ 10 9 5 3  
 ♥ A 8 5 4  
 ♦ 9 6  
 ♣ 9 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J 4  
 ♥ K 6  
 ♦ K 4  
 ♣ K Q J 10 5

♠ 2  
 4  
 16 18  
 2  
 ♣ 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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**

♠ A K  
North Deals ♥ A Q 10 9 6  
None Vul ♦ A Q J 3  
♣ A K  
♠ Q J 10 8 5      ♠ 6 4 3  
♥ 8 7 4      ♥ 2  
♦ 6 2      ♦ 10 9 8 5 4  
♣ 10 8 3      ♣ Q J 9 5  
  
27  
3 3  
7  
♠ 9 7 2  
♥ K J 5 3  
♦ K 7  
♣ 7 6 4 2



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	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			

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***Deal 6***

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North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 3	♦ K 7
♥ Q 8 6	♦ K 9
♦ 8 2	♦ A Q J 10 4
♣ 10 9 3	♣ A Q J 7

**20**  
**2 4**  
**14**

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 5	♦ Q J 5 3 2
♥ J 7 5 3 2	♦ 9 6 3
♦ 5 4	♣ 5 4

♠ A 6 2  
♥ A 10 4  
♦ K 7 5  
♣ K 8 6 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	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 $\hat{a}$  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.

**Deal 8**

West Deals  
None Vul  
  
♠ Q J 5  
♥ J 7 5 4 2  
♦ 10 5  
♣ Q 5 3

♠ K 6 2  
♥ A 10 9  
♦ A K 3  
♣ A K 8 4  
  
N  
W E  
S  
  
♠ 10 9 8 4 3  
♥ Q 8 6  
♦ 6  
♣ J 10 9 2  
  
♠ A 7  
♥ K 3  
♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2  
♣ 7 6

**21**  
**6 3**  
**10**

**Deal 9**North Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ 7 6 5 3 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ 10 6 4 2

♣ 2

♠ J 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ A K Q 10 9 6



♠ A K Q

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ J 8 7 5

4  
11 20  
5

♠ 10 9 4

♥ 10 8 4 3

♦ A J 9 7

♣ 4 3

**Deal 10**      ♠ A Q 6

East Deals      ♥ K 7 3

Both Vul      ♦ 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

♠ K 7 5

♥ Q 9 6

♦ A 9 8 3

♣ A Q 7

**15**  
**6**    **4**  
**15**

**Deal 11**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 8 7 6  
♥ Q J 7  
♦ A J 3  
♣ A 8 2

♠ 10 9 5 3  
♥ A 8 5 4  
♦ 9 6  
♣ 9 6 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ K Q J 4  
♥ K 6  
♦ K 4  
♣ K Q J 10 5

♠ 2  
4  
**16 18**  
2

♥ 10 9 3 2  
♦ Q 10 8 7 5 2  
♣ 7 4

**Deal 12**

West Deals	♠ A K
N-S Vul	♥ A Q 10 9 6
	♦ A Q J 3
	♣ A K
♠ Q J 10 8 5	♠ 6 4 3
♥ 8 7 4	♥ 2
♦ 6 2	♦ 10 9 8 5 4
♣ 10 8 3	♣ Q J 9 5
<b>27</b> <b>3 3</b> <b>7</b>	♠ 9 7 2 ♥ K J 5 3 ♦ K 7 ♣ 7 6 4 2



***Deal 13***

North Deals  
Both Vul

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♦ A Q J 10 4

♣ A Q J 7

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 9 3

N  
W S E

♠ Q J 5  
♥ J 7 5 3 2  
♦ 9 6 3  
♣ 5 4

♠ A 6 2

♥ A 10 4

♦ K 7 5

♣ K 8 6 2

**20**  
**2 4**  
**14**

**Deal 15**

South Deals  
N-S Vul  
  
♠ Q J 5  
♥ J 7 5 4 2  
♦ 10 5  
♣ Q 5 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 6 2  
♥ A 10 9  
♦ A K 3  
♣ A K 8 4  
  
♠ 10 9 8 4 3  
♥ Q 8 6  
♦ 6  
♣ J 10 9 2  
  
♠ A 7  
♥ K 3  
♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2  
♣ 7 6

**21**  
**6 3**  
**10**

**Deal 16**West Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ 7 6 5 3 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ 10 6 4 2

♣ 2

♠ J 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ A K Q 10 9 6



♠ A K Q

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ J 8 7 5

♠ 10 9 4

♥ 10 8 4 3

♦ A J 9 7

♣ 4 3

4  
**11    20**  
5

**Deal 17**      ♠ A Q 6

North Deals      ♥ K 7 3

None Vul      ♦ 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

**Deal 18**

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 7 6

♥ Q J 7

♦ A J 3

♣ A 8 2

♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A 8 5 4

♦ 9 6

♣ 9 6 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ K Q J 4

♥ K 6

♦ K 4

♣ K Q J 10 5

♠ 2

16 4  
2 18

♥ 10 9 3 2  
♦ Q 10 8 7 5 2  
♣ 7 4

**Deal 19**

	♠ A K
South Deals	♥ A Q 10 9 6
E-W Vul	♦ A Q J 3
	♣ A K
♠ Q J 10 8 5	♠ 6 4 3
♥ 8 7 4	♥ 2
♦ 6 2	♦ 10 9 8 5 4
♣ 10 8 3	♣ Q J 9 5
	♠ 9 7 2
27 3 3 7	♥ K J 5 3 ♦ K 7 ♣ 7 6 4 2



***Deal 20***  
West Deals  
Both Vul

**Deal 21**

North Deals    ♠ K 7  
N-S Vul        ♥ K 9  
                  ♦ A Q J 10 4  
                  ♣ A Q J 7

♠ 10 9 8 4 3  
♥ Q 8 6  
♦ 8 2  
♣ 10 9 3



♠ Q J 5  
♥ J 7 5 3 2  
♦ 9 6 3  
♣ 5 4

20  
2 4  
14

♠ A 6 2  
♥ A 10 4  
♦ K 7 5  
♣ K 8 6 2

**Deal 22**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6 2

♥ A 10 9

♦ A K 3

♣ A K 8 4

♠ Q J 5

♥ J 7 5 4 2

♦ 10 5

♣ Q 5 3

W N E S

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 6

♣ J 10 9 2

21  
6 3  
10

♠ A 7

♥ K 3

♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2

♣ 7 6

**Deal 23**      ♠ 7 6 5 3 2  
South Deals      ♥ A 9 5  
Both Vul      ♦ 10 6 4 2  
♣ 2

♠ J 8      ♠ A K Q  
♥ J 7 2      N      ♥ K Q 6  
♦ 8 5      W      E      ♦ K Q 3  
♣ A K Q 10 9 6      S      ♣ J 8 7 5

♠ 10 9 4  
♥ 10 8 4 3  
♦ A J 9 7  
♣ 4 3

**11    4    20**  
**5**

**Deal 24**

West 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

**Deal 25**

North Deals

E-W 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

N  
W E  
S

♠ K Q J 4

♥ K 6

♦ K 4

♣ K Q J 10 5

♠ 2

16 4  
2 18

♥ 10 9 3 2  
♦ Q 10 8 7 5 2  
♣ 7 4

**Deal 26**

East Deals  
Both Vul

♠ A K  
♥ A Q 10 9 6  
♦ A Q J 3  
♣ A K

♠ Q J 10 8 5  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ 6 2  
♣ 10 8 3



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

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3 3  
7

♠ 9 7 2  
♥ K J 5 3  
♦ K 7  
♣ 7 6 4 2

**Deal 27**  
South Deals  
None Vul

**Deal 28**

West Deals	♠ K 7
N-S Vul	♥ K 9
	♦ A Q J 10 4
	♣ A Q J 7
♠ 10 9 8 4 3	♠ Q J 5
♥ Q 8 6	♥ J 7 5 3 2
♦ 8 2	♦ 9 6 3
♣ 10 9 3	♣ 5 4
<b>20</b>	♠ A 6 2
<b>2 4</b>	♥ A 10 4
<b>14</b>	♦ K 7 5
	♣ K 8 6 2

N  
W E  
S

**Deal 29**

North Deals  
Both Vul  
  
♠ Q J 5  
♥ J 7 5 4 2  
♦ 10 5  
♣ Q 5 3

N  
W S E

**21**  
**6 3**  
**10**

♠ K 6 2  
♥ A 10 9  
♦ A K 3  
♣ A K 8 4  
  
♠ 10 9 8 4 3  
♥ Q 8 6  
♦ 6  
♣ J 10 9 2  
  
♠ A 7  
♥ K 3  
♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2  
♣ 7 6

**Deal 30**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 5 3 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ 10 6 4 2

♣ 2

♠ J 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ A K Q 10 9 6



♠ A K Q

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ J 8 7 5

♠ 10 9 4

♥ 10 8 4 3

♦ A J 9 7

♣ 4 3

11 4  
5 20

**Deal 31**      ♠ A Q 6

South Deals      ♥ K 7 3

N-S Vul      ♦ 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

**Deal 32**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 8 7 6

♥ Q J 7

♦ A J 3

♣ A 8 2

♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A 8 5 4

♦ 9 6

♣ 9 6 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ K Q J 4

♥ K 6

♦ K 4

♣ K Q J 10 5

♠ 2  
4  
**16 18**  
2  
♦ Q 10 8 7 5 2  
♣ 7 4

**Deal 33**

North Deals	♠ A K
None Vul	♥ A Q 10 9 6
	♦ A Q J 3
	♣ A K
♠ Q J 10 8 5	♠ 6 4 3
♥ 8 7 4	♥ 2
♦ 6 2	♦ 10 9 8 5 4
♣ 10 8 3	♣ Q J 9 5
<b>27</b> <b>3 3</b> <b>7</b>	♠ 9 7 2 ♥ K J 5 3 ♦ K 7 ♣ 7 6 4 2



***Deal 34***  
East Deals  
N-S Vul

**Deal 35**

South Deals	♠ K 7
E-W Vul	♥ K 9
	♦ A Q J 10 4
	♣ A Q J 7
♠ 10 9 8 4 3	♠ Q J 5
♥ Q 8 6	♥ J 7 5 3 2
♦ 8 2	♦ 9 6 3
♣ 10 9 3	♣ 5 4
<b>20</b>	♠ A 6 2
<b>2 4</b>	♥ A 10 4
<b>14</b>	♦ K 7 5
	♣ K 8 6 2

