Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

North: ♠ A K Q 9 8 3 ♡ 2 ◊ A K ♣ K Q J 8

West: ♠ 10 ♡ A 10 8 7 3 ◊ Q 10 9 5 3 ♣ 4 2

East: ♠ 6 5 ♡ J 9 6 ◊ J 7 6 4 ♣ A 10 9 6

South: ♠ J 7 4 2 ♡ K Q 5 4 ◊ 8 2 ♣ 7 5 3

22
6 6
6

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ◊
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

5 ♠ by North

SOUTH's 3â™ supporting bid is enough to convince NORTH to make a slam try.

NORTH bids Blackwood 4 NT. If SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH plans to bid 6â™ , but

when SOUTH bids 5â™£ NORTH settles for 5â™

Deal 2
West Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 5
♡ 4 3
◊ 8 6 4
♣ A 8 6 3 2

♠ A 6 4
♡ K J 9
◊ A K Q J 9
♣ K Q

N
W E
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♠ J 3
♡ A Q 10 8 6
◊ 10 3
♣ J 10 7 4

4
23 8
5

♠ K Q 9 7 2
♡ 7 5 2
◊ 7 5 2
♣ 9 5

West	North	East	South
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♡	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ◊	Pass
6 ♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

6 ♡ by East

EAST makes a positive 3

♥

response to WEST's 2♣ opener.

This promises at least 8 points and a 5-card suit with two or more honors.

WEST only needs to know one thing - how many Aces in the EAST hand.

A Blackwood 4 NT tells her the answer is one, so she bids 6

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Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q
♡ K 6
◇ A 4
♣ K Q J 9 7 3 2

♠ J 10 6 4 2
♡ A 10 7 3
◇ 10 7 3
♣ 8

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

18
5   1
16

♠ A 9 7
♡ Q J 4 2
◇ K Q 8 6
♣ A 5

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

6 NT by South

When SOUTH opens 1 NT, point-count alone tells NORTH that 6 NT can surely be made.

SOUTH is bound to hold at least two Aces. But NORTH doesn't want to miss a Grand slam.

NORTH bids 4♣, (Gerber), and SOUTH admits to just two Aces.

So NORTH settles for the small slam.

Deal 4
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7
♡ 10 8
◊ J 8 4 2
♣ J 7 6 5 4

♠ A K Q 6 4 3
♡ K 5
◊ K 7 3
♣ A K

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 5 2
♡ A J 7 4 3
◊ A Q
♣ 9 8

2
22   12
4

♠ 10
♡ Q 9 6 2
◊ 10 9 6 5
♣ Q 10 3 2

West	North	East	South
		1 ♡	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♡	Pass
7 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

7 NT by West

WEST has a powerhouse and knows she will reach a slam somewhere. When EAST

supports the â™ s, it seems she has found her spot.

Blackwood tells her that EAST has two Aces.

She can see there are 12 tricks available and decides to take a chance that

EAST will have a thirteenth trick somewhere among his opening hand points.

She bids 7 NT.

Deal 5
South Deals
None Vul

	♠ J 7 3
	♡ A J 10 9 8
	♦ 8 3 2
	♣ Q 8

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

	♠ A K 2
	♡ K Q 6 5
	♦ K Q J
	♣ K J 6

8

4 6

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West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♡	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♡
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♡ by North

SOUTH is tempted to go right to 6 ♥

when she hears NORTH's positive

response. BUT, she should use Blackwood first.

It's good thing she did because NORTH admits to only one Ace - they are missing two Aces.

Deal 6
West Deals
None Vul

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              ♠ 9 7 2
              ♡ 6 5 3
              ◊ 8 5
              ♣ A 10 6 3 2
♠ K Q 4                      ♠ A 6 3
♡ A 8          N             ♡ K 10 7
◊ K Q J 10 7 3 W   E         ◊ A 9 4
♣ K 5              S         ♣ Q 9 8 7
              ♠ J 10 8 5
     4        ♡ Q J 9 4 2
  18   13     ◊ 6 2
     5        ♣ J 4
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West	North	East	South
1 ◊	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
6 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

6 NT by East

WEST not only has 20 points, he also has a lot of winners.

So when EAST jumps to 2 NT, showing 13-15 points, WEST uses Gerber.

EAST shows two Aces so WEST decides 6 NT will be just right.