

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q J 7 6 5	♦ 9
♥ A 6	♥ Q J 10 7 5
♦ 9 7 2	♦ A K Q 3
♣ J 10 7	♣ K Q 4

17	♠ A K
8 4	♥ K 9 4 2
11	♦ J 10 8 5
	♣ 8 6 3



♠ 10 8 4 3 2
♥ 8 3
♦ 6 4
♣ A 9 5 2

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

5 ♥ by North

Your 3 ♥ bid showed 11-12 points. Decide how you would answer partner's Blackwood 4 NT, 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.

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul**♠ A 10 7 6****♥ J 6 5****♦ 7 4 2****♣ 8 7 3****♠ K 9 5****♥ A 7****♦ K Q 3****♣ K Q J 6 4****♠ 4 3 2****♥ 10 9 8 4 3****♦ J 5****♣ 10 5 2****♠ Q J 8****♥ K Q 2****♦ A 10 9 8 6****♣ A 9****18**  
**5 1**  
**16**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			

Your 1 NT 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 6 NT, which you pass.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

**♠ 10 9 7 5 4****♥ 9 7****♦ A 6 2****♣ 10 7 4****♠ A Q J****♥ Q J 10 5****♦ 9 7 5****♣ K Q J****♠ 6 3 2****♥ A 8 6 4 3****♦ —****♣ 9 8 6 5 2****♠ K 8****♥ K 2****♦ K Q J 10 8 4 3****♣ A 3****16****4 4****16**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 NT by North			

Very interesting! If partner's 1 NT bid happens to include 3 Aces and one King you can count 13 tricks ♠o you bid 4 ♣, definitely Gerber following the 1 NT opening. Partner answers 4 ♥. What do you say next?

You almost refuse to believe it! How can partner have a 1 NT opener with only 1 Ace? But you trust your partner so you bid 4 NT. 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 4 NT bid would have been Blackwood. And then he would have answered 5 ♦ and you would have passed and made it!

**Deal 4**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 6 5  
 ♥ 9 3 2  
 ♦ 5 2  
 ♣ 10 8 7 5

**15**  
**1** 4  
**20**

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 4 3 2  
 ♥ 8 7 4  
 ♦ A 9 7 4  
 ♣ 9 6 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			

With a 20 point balanced hand you open 2 NT. 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 6 NT and since he is the Captain you pass.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 6 3  
♥ Q 7  
♦ A 9 7 2  
♣ Q 6 2

♠ 8 4  
♥ AJ 10 8 6 3  
♦ 6 3  
♣ A 7 5

	N		E	
W		S		

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

♠ AK  
♥ K 9 4 2  
♦ K Q J 10 5 4  
♣ 8

West	North	East	South
	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 6**

North Deals  
None Vul

**♠ Q J 7 4**  
**♥ 7 4**  
**♦ J 9 7 4**  
**♣ 10 8 6**

	N	
W		E
	S	

**♠ 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**

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

6 ♥ by South

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 ♥.