

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

11	8	9
4	17	Q J 10 7 5
		♦ A K Q 3
		♣ K Q 4



♠ Q J 7 6 5	♥ A 6	♦ 9 7 2	♣ J 10 7
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♥ by South

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**

South Deals

None Vul

**♠** K 8  
**♥** K 2  
**♦** K Q J 10 8 4 3  
**♣** A 3

**♠** 6 3 2  
**♥** A 8 6 4 3  
**♦** —  
**♣** 9 8 6 5 2

**16**  
**4** **4**  
**16**

**♠** A Q J  
**♥** Q J 10 5  
**♦** 9 7 5  
**♣** K Q J

N  
W E  
S

**♠** 10 9 7 5 4  
**♥** 9 7  
**♦** A 6 2  
**♣** 10 7 4

<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 South			

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**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 10 7 6 3

♥ Q 7

♦ A 9 7 2

♣ Q 6 2

16  
7 8  
9

♠ 8 4

♥ A J 10 8 6 3

♦ 6 3

♣ A 7 5

West

North

East

South

2 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

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**

**19**  
**4 4**  
**13**

**♠ 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**

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