

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

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

15
6 3
16

♠ K 5 3
♥ A 10 9 5 2
♦ A 9 4
♣ A 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 6 2
♥ K Q J 7
♦ 6
♣ K Q J 10 9

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5 NT	Pass	7 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 ♥ by North

When SOUTH answers Blackwood with one Ace NORTH decides to bid 5 NT to ask for Kings.

With two Kings, SOUTH would bid 6

♠

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But she knows that if she does so, NORTH might stop right there.

Knowing the 5 NT bid guarantees all four Aces, SOUTH figures her ♠ suit will

supply five tricks so she bids 7

♠

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Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7
 ♥ Q 9 7 4
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ A 10 8 3

4
 11 20
 5

West

3 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

5 ♥ by East

♠ 10 9 4 3

♥ —

♦ A 10 9 8 4

♣ 7 6 5 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ J 6 2

♥ K 10 8 3

♦ J 7 3 2

♣ 9 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4 NT

5 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

EAST thinks there might be slam if WEST holds both minor Aces, so he tries Blackwood.

When WEST shows just one Ace EAST is afraid he will have a trump loser as well, so

he stops at 5

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It turns out that EAST might make twelve tricks, depending on the

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K situation.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 3
♥ 10
♦ J 10 9 8 5 4
♣ Q J 8 5

16
4 2
18

♠ K 4 2
♥ A Q J 8 7 4 2
♦ K
♣ K 3

N
W E
S

♠ A J 6
♥ K 5
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ A 9 7 4

♠ Q 10 9 8 5
♥ 9 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 10 6 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	7 NT	Pass	Pass
7 NT by South			

NORTH might be tempted to blast into Blackwood with his first bid, pushing toward some slam

in

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s. He chooses to temporize with a 1

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response and is rewarded when SOUTH jumps to 2 NT (18-19 points).

The Notrump bid prevents NORTH from using Blackwood, but Gerber 4â™¥ will work just fine.

When he discovers that SOUTH holds three Aces and one King he can count thirteen tricks.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 6 3

♥ A 10 7

♦ 9 5 2

♣ A 10 8 6

1
10 24
5

West

2 NT

4 ♠

Pass

6 NT by West

♠ 9 8 7 4 2

♥ J 8 5

♦ 8 4

♣ 9 7 2

♠ J 10 5

♥ 9 6 3 2

♦ A 10 7 6

♣ 4 3

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♣

4 ♣

6 NT

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ A K

♥ K Q 4

♦ K Q J 3

♣ K Q J 5

WEST responds 2 NT, showing 8+ points with no 5-card suit.

EAST only needs to know how many Aces are in the WEST hand. He must use Gerber since

4 NT in this situation would not be Blackwood.

When WEST shows two Aces EAST bids 6 NT.