Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 4 2
♥ K Q 5 4
♦ 8 2
♣ 7 5 3

♠ 6 5
♥ J 9 7 6
♦ Q J T 9
♣ T 4 2

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      N
   W     E
      S
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♠ T
♥ A T 8 3
♦ 7 6 5 4 3
♣ A 9 6

♠ A K Q 9 8 3
♥ 2
♦ A K
♣ K Q J 8

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

5 ♠ by South

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

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

when NORTH bids 5♣ SOUTH settles for 5♠

Board 2

North Deals
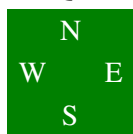
N-S Vul

♠ A 6 4
♥ K J 9
♦ A K Q J 9
♣ K Q

♠ K Q 9 7 5
♥ 3
♦ 8 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 5

♠ T 8 2
♥ 7 5 4 2
♦ 6 4
♣ A 6 3 2

♠ J 3
♥ A Q T 8 6
♦ T 3
♣ J T 7 4

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6 ♥ by North

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SOUTH makes a positive 3

response to NORTH's 2 opener.

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

NORTH only needs to know one thing - how many Aces in the SOUTH hand.

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

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Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q
♥ K 6
♦ A 4
♣ K Q J 9 7 3 2

♠ J 8 3 2
♥ T 7 3
♦ J 9 3 2
♣ 6 4

N
W   E
S

♠ T 6 5 4
♥ A 9 8 5
♦ T 7 5
♣ T 8

♠ A 9 7
♥ Q J 4 2
♦ K Q 8 6
♣ A 5

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

6 NT by North

When SOUTH opens 1NT, point-count alone tells NORTH that 6NT 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.

Board 4

North Deals
Both Vul

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              ♠ J 9 5 2
              ♥ A J 7 4 3
              ♦ A Q
              ♣ 9 8
♠ T 7                      ♠ 8
♥ Q T 2          N         ♥ 9 8 6
♦ J 6 5 2      W   E       ♦ T 9 8 4
♣ J 6 4 3        S         ♣ Q T 7 5 2
              ♠ A K Q 6 4 3
              ♥ K 5
              ♦ K 7 3
              ♣ A K
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West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

7 NT by South

SOUTH has a powerhouse and knows she will reach a slam somewhere. When NORTH

supports the it seems she has found her spot.

Blackwood tells her that NORTH has two Aces.

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

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

She bids 7NT.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 2
♥ K Q 6 5
♦ K Q J
♣ K J 6

♠ T 5 4
♥ 4 3
♦ A T 9 7 6
♣ T 7 5

N
W   E
S

♠ Q 9 8 6
♥ 7 2
♦ 5 4
♣ A 9 4 3 2

♠ J 7 3
♥ A J T 9 8
♦ 8 3 2
♣ Q 8

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

5 ♥ by North

NORTH is tempted to go right to 6

when she hears SOUTH's positive

response. BUT, she should use Blackwood first.

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

Board 6

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 4
♥ A 8
♦ K Q J T 7 3
♣ K 5

♠ J 8 5 2
♥ J 9 4 2
♦ 6
♣ J T 6 2

♠ T 9 7
♥ Q 6 5 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ A 4 3

♠ A 6 3
♥ K T 7
♦ A 9 4
♣ Q 9 8 7

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6 NT by North

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

So when SOUTH jumps to 2NT, showing 13-15 points, NORTH uses Gerber.

SOUTH shows two Aces so NORTH decides 6NT will be just right.