

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 6 3**♥ Q 7****♦ A 9 7 2****♣ Q 6 2****♠ 8 4****♥ A J 10 8 6 3****♦ 6 3****♣ A 7 5****♠ Q J 9 5 2****♥ 5****♦ 8****♣ K J 10 9 4 3****♠ A K****♥ K 9 4 2****♦ K Q J 10 5 4****♣ 8****West****North****East****South****2 ♥****Pass****4 NT****Pass****5 ♥****Pass****6 ♥****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 2West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 5
 ♥ A 9 8 5
 ♦ A Q
 ♣ K Q J 5 4

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♠ 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

♠ Q J 7 4
 ♥ 7 4
 ♦ J 9 7 4
 ♣ 10 8 6

<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 East			

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 ♥.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 2
 ♥ 9 8 7 6 3 2
 ♦ A 2
 ♣ 9 7

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



♠ 9 8 7 5 3
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ 6 5 3
 ♣ J 6 4

♠ Q 10 6
 ♥ A Q 5
 ♦ 10 8 7
 ♣ A Q 5 2

19
 5 2
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6 NT		
6 NT by South			

You dealt this hand.

You have 20 points and it would not be terrible to open 2 NT. However, strictly speaking you shouldn't open 2 NT with two doubletons. So you open 1♦. Partner responds with a jump to 2 NT. What do you bid?

With partner's 13-15 added onto your 20, bidding 6 NT would be a reasonable bid. However, it costs nothing to check for Aces first, so you bid 4♣. (Everybody agrees this is Gerber, right?) Partner answers 4♠. What do you bid?

Easy, missing one Ace you bid 6 NT.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 2
♥ A K Q 10 5
♦ A K
♣ K Q J

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♠ 5
♥ 9 8 4 2
♦ Q 5 3 2
♣ 10 8 5 2

♠ A Q J 8 7 3
♥ 6
♦ 10 8 6
♣ A 6 3

♠ K 6 4
♥ J 7 3
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ 9 7 4

West	North	East	South
3 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
5 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 NT	ALL	6 ♠	Pass
6 NT by West			

You dealt this hand.

With 13 points and a good Major suit you naturally open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♥. What do you bid next?

We are playing strong jump-shifts by Responder so partner is showing 17+ points. However, you are still stuck with your minimum opening so you just rebid 3 ♠. Partner bids 4 NT. What is your reply?

He asks for Aces so you bid 5 ♥ showing 2. He now bids 5 NT. What do you say?

You have no King. So you reply 6 ♣ and partner bids 6 NT (safer than 6 ♠).