

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q 9 8 3
♥ 2
♦ A K
♣ K Q J 8

♠ 10
♥ A 10 8 7 3
♦ Q 10 9 5 3
♣ 4 2

22
6 6
6

N **♠ 6 5**
W **♥ J 9 6**
E **♦ J 7 6 4**
S **♣ A 10 9 6**

♠ J 7 4 2
♥ K Q 5 4
♦ 8 2
♣ 7 5 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
5 ♠ by North			

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 7 2
♥ 7 5 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 5

23
5 4
8

West

♠ A 6 4
♥ K J 9
♦ A K Q J 9
♣ K Q

	N		E	
W				S

♠ 10 8 5
♥ 4 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ A 8 6 3 2

♠ J 3
♥ A Q 10 8 6
♦ 10 3
♣ J 10 7 4

<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥

<i>Pass</i>	<i>4 NT</i>	<i>Pass</i>
6 ♥	5 ♦	Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

SOUTH makes a positive 3

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response to NORTH's 2â™£ 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 4 NT tells her the answer is one, so she bids 6

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Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 3
♥ 9 8 5
♦ J 9 5 2
♣ 10 6 4

16
1 5
18

♠ A 9 7
♥ Q J 4 2
♦ K Q 8 6
♣ A 5



♠ J 10 6 4 2
♥ A 10 7 3
♦ 10 7 3
♣ 8

♠ K Q
♥ K 6
♦ A 4
♣ K Q J 9 7 3 2

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

When NORTH opens 1 NT, point-count alone tells SOUTH that 6 NT can surely be made.

NORTH is bound to hold at least two Aces. But SOUTH doesn't want to miss a Grand slam.

SOUTH bids 4 \spadesuit (Gerber), and NORTH admits to just two Aces.

So SOUTH settles for the small slam.

Deal 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7
♥ 10 8
♦ J 8 4 2
♣ J 7 6 5 4

12
2 4
22

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 NT by South

♠ J 9 5 2
♥ AJ 7 4 3
♦ A Q
♣ 9 8

W	N	E	S
♠ A K Q 6 4 3	♠ 10	♥ Q 9 6 2	♦ 10 9 6 5
♥ K 5		♦ K 7 3	♣ Q 10 3 2
♦ K 7 3		♣ A K	

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

supports the ♠'s, 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 7 NT.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 6 4
♥ 3
♦ 10 6 5
♣ A 9 7 5 4

8
4 6
22



♠ J 7 3
♥ A J 10 9 8
♦ 8 3 2
♣ Q 8

♠ Q 8 5
♥ 7 4 2
♦ A 9 7 4
♣ 10 3 2

♠ A K 2
♥ K Q 6 5
♦ K Q J
♣ K J 6

West North East South

2 ♣

Pass 2 ♥ Pass 4 NT
Pass 5 ♦ Pass 5 ♥
Pass Pass Pass

5 ♥ by North

SOUTH is tempted to go right to 6

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when she hears NORTH's positive

response. BUT, she should use Blackwood first.

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

Deal 6

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 8 5
 ♥ Q J 9 4 2
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ J 4

18
 5 4
13

♠ K Q 4
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ K Q J 10 7 3
 ♣ K 5

W N E
S

♠ 9 7 2
 ♥ 6 5 3
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ A 10 6 3 2

♠ A 6 3
 ♥ K 10 7
 ♦ A 9 4
 ♣ Q 9 8 7

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

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

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

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