

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

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



♠ Q J 10 9 7
♥ 6 4 3
♦ 8 3
♣ 7 5 2

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6 3
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♦ K Q J 10 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			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 â™£ suit will supply five tricks so she bids 7

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Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7
 ♥ Q 9 7 4
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ A 10 8 3

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♠ 10 9 4 3

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♦ A 10 9 8 4

♣ 7 6 5 4



♠ A K Q 5
 ♥ A J 6 5 2
 ♦ 6
 ♣ K Q J

♠ J 6 2
 ♥ K 10 8 3
 ♦ J 7 3 2
 ♣ 9 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
5 ♥ by East			

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

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

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



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

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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 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 3
 ♥ A 10 7
 ♦ 9 5 2
 ♣ A 10 8 6

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

♠ 9 8 7 4 2

♥ J 8 5

♦ 8 4

♣ 9 7 2



♠ A K
 ♥ K Q 4
 ♦ K Q J 3
 ♣ K Q J 5

♠ J 10 5
 ♥ 9 6 3 2
 ♦ A 10 7 6
 ♣ 4 3

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.