

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10

♥ A 10 8 7 3

♦ Q 10 9 5 3

♣ 4 2

22
6 6
6

♠ A K Q 9 8 3

♥ 2

♦ A K

♣ K Q J 8

W N
S E

♠ J 7 4 2

♥ K Q 5 4

♦ 8 2

♣ 7 5 3

♠ 6 5

♥ J 9 6

♦ J 7 6 4

♣ A 10 9 6

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♣

Pass

5 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♠ by North

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

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

when SOUTH bids 5th NORTH settles for 5th

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 4
 ♥ K J 9
 ♦ A K Q J 9
 ♣ K Q

4
 23 8
 5

West

2 ♣

4 NT

6 ♥

6 ♥ by East

♠ 10 8 5

♥ 4 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ A 8 6 3 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ K Q 9 7 2

♥ 7 5 2

♦ 7 5 2

♣ 9 5

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

EAST makes a positive 3

♠

response to WEST's 2♠ opener.

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

WEST only needs to know one thing - how many Aces in the EAST hand.

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

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Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 6 4 2
 ♥ A 10 7 3
 ♦ 10 7 3
 ♣ 8

18
 5 1
 16

♠ K Q
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ K Q J 9 7 3 2



♠ A 9 7
 ♥ Q J 4 2
 ♦ K Q 8 6
 ♣ A 5

♠ 8 5 3
 ♥ 9 8 5
 ♦ J 9 5 2
 ♣ 10 6 4

<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 South			

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

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7

♥ 10 8

♦ J 8 4 2

♣ J 7 6 5 4

♠ A K Q 6 4 3

♥ K 5

♦ K 7 3

♣ A K



♠ J 9 5 2

♥ A J 7 4 3

♦ A Q

♣ 9 8

♠ 10

♥ Q 9 6 2

♦ 10 9 6 5

♣ Q 10 3 2

2
22 12
4

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

7 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by West

WEST has a powerhouse and knows she will reach a slam somewhere. When EAST

supports the \hat{a}^{TM} s, it seems she has found her spot.

Blackwood tells her that EAST has two Aces.

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

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

She bids 7 NT.