

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ A 10		
None Vul	♥ A K 7 6		
	♦ A 8 5		
	♣ A K J 5		
♠ 9 7 2	♠ 5		
♥ Q 9 5	♥ J 10 8 4 2		
♦ 10 9 7 3	♦ 6 2		
♣ 9 6 3	♣ Q 10 8 4 2		
23 2 3 12	♠ K Q J 8 6 4 3 ♥ 3 ♦ K Q J 4 ♣ 7		
West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
7 NT by North			

Interesting hand. Too bad these only come up in lessons and never at the table! You could jump right into Ace-asking but there is no rush so you say 2 ♠. Partner now rebids 2 NT. What do you say?

Now you know all about partner's hand. 22-24 points, balanced. Now ask for Aces. If you agree that 4 ♣ is Gerber here then that's what you should bid. If not, then you would have to use Blackwood. Partner answers 4 ♦. What do you say?

The 4 ♦ reply says either zero or all four. Put your money on all four and bid 7 NT.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q J 2
♥ K Q J
♦ J 6
♣ K Q J 8

2
20 14
4

N
W E
S

♠ 6 5 4
♥ A 9 8 6
♦ 7 2
♣ 9 6 4 2

♠ K 10 9 8 3
♥ 2
♦ A K 10 4
♣ A 7 3

<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			

With 15 points and a nice 5-card suit you respond 1 ♠. Partner jumps to 4 ♠. What do you say?

Do NOT say "Partner bid a close-out bid so I'll pass." Partner's bid means he thinks you can make 4 ♠ even though he is only counting you for 6 points. Since you have 15+ now you want to go for more. You bid 4 NT and partner answers 5 ♦. What do you say next?

Partner has 1 Ace so you can go no higher than 6. Although you can't tell for sure that slam will make, remember you used Blackwood just to be sure you weren't missing two Aces. You are not and you have enough points so you bid it. Although you can see that 6 NT would have been a great contract you had to take the safer 6 ♠.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

♠ A K J 8 3
 ♥ K Q 7 6
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ A K

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

You dealt this hand.

You aren't strong enough to open 2 ♣ so you bid 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you say?

Partner's limit-raise shows 11-12 points and you revalue your hand up to 22. So you are definitely in slam territory. You hope partner has 2 Aces but you cannot use Blackwood with that worthless doubleton in ♦s. Instead you make a control-showing bid of 4 ♣. Partner then bids 4 ♥. What do you bid next?

The good news is that partner's control-showing bid says he has the ♥ A. The bad news is that he bypassed ♦s so he does not have the ♦ A. Since you may have 2 quick losers in ♦s you sign off at 4 ♠.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 4 3
♥ Q J 8 6
♦ A 9
♣ Q J 6

17 3
16 4

♠ J 10 2
♥ 10 9 5 3 2
♦ Q 4
♣ 9 8 7

N
W E
S

♠ Q 8 5
♥ A K 4
♦ K J 10
♣ K 10 4 3

♠ 9 7 6
♥ 7
♦ 8 7 6 5 3 2
♣ A 5 2

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

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You have a textbook 1 NT opener, so you open 1 NT. Partner says 4 NT. What do you bid?

THIS IS NOT BLACKWOOD. Partner's bid is the Quantitative 4 NT. He has 16 points and is inviting you to bid slam if you have a maximum opener, but to pass with a minimum. Since your 17 point hand is at the top of the 1 NT range you accept the invitation and bid 6 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10
♥ Q 10 2
♦ 10 9 8 6
♣ J 6 5 4

12
7 5
16

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by North

♠ 9 6 4
♥ AJ 9 5 3
♦ A Q J 3
♣ 7

♠ 7 5 2
♥ —
♦ K 5 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 8 3 2

♠ K Q J 8 3
♥ K 8 7 6 4
♦ 7
♣ A K

You COULD make a Splinter Bid with this hand. You have a singleton ♦ and great trump support. However it is usually not worthwhile Splintering when you have the strong hand that will be taking control. Since what you really want to know is how many Aces partner has you just ask him with a 4 NT bid. Partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

Missing one Ace you bid 6 ♥.

Deal 6

East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A 10
♥ A K 7 6
♦ A 8 5
♣ A K J 5

♠ 9 7 2
♥ Q 9 5
♦ 10 9 7 3
♣ 9 6 3

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N
W E
S

♠ 5
♥ J 10 8 4 2
♦ 6 2
♣ Q 10 8 4 2

♠ K Q J 8 6 4 3
♥ 3
♦ K Q J 4
♣ 7

Deal 7

South Deals ♠ 7

Both Vul ♥ 10 7 5 4 3

 ♦ Q 9 8 5 3

 ♣ 10 5

♠ A Q J 2

♥ K Q J

♦ J 6

♣ K Q J 8

N
W E
S

♠ K 10 9 8 3

♥ 2

♦ A K 10 4

♣ A 7 3

♠ 6 5 4

♥ A 9 8 6

♦ 7 2

♣ 9 6 4 2

2

20 14

4

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 9 2

♥ A J 4 3

♦ Q 7

♣ Q 10 6

♠ 6 5 4

♥ 9 8 2

♦ K J 10 6

♣ 4 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ 7

♥ 10 5

♦ A 5 4 3 2

♣ J 9 8 7 5

♠ A K J 8 3

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 9 8

♣ A K

11
4 5
20

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 10 2

♥ 10 9 5 3 2

♦ Q 4

♣ 9 8 7

♠ A K 4 3

♥ Q J 8 6

♦ A 9

♣ Q J 6

N
W E
S

♠ Q 8 5

♥ A K 4

♦ K J 10

♣ K 10 4 3

♠ 9 7 6

♥ 7

♦ 8 7 6 5 3 2

♣ A 5 2

3
17 16
4

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 6 4
♥ AJ 9 5 3
♦ A Q J 3
♣ 7

♠ A 10
♥ Q 10 2
♦ 10 9 8 6
♣ J 6 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ 7 5 2
♥ —
♦ K 5 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 8 3 2

12
7 5
16

♠ K Q J 8 3
♥ K 8 7 6 4
♦ 7
♣ A K

Deal 11

South Deals	♠ A 10
None Vul	♥ A K 7 6
	♦ A 8 5
	♣ A K J 5
♠ 9 7 2	♠ 5
♥ Q 9 5	♥ J 10 8 4 2
♦ 10 9 7 3	♦ 6 2
♣ 9 6 3	♣ Q 10 8 4 2
23 2 3 12	♠ K Q J 8 6 4 3
	♥ 3
	♦ K Q J 4
	♣ 7



Deal 12

West Deals
N-S Vul
♠ A Q J 2
♥ K Q J
♦ J 6
♣ K Q J 8

2
20 14
4

N
W E
S

♠ 7
♥ 10 7 5 4 3
♦ Q 9 8 5 3
♣ 10 5

♠ K 10 9 8 3
♥ 2
♦ A K 10 4
♣ A 7 3

♠ 6 5 4
♥ A 9 8 6
♦ 7 2
♣ 9 6 4 2

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 10 9 2

♥ A J 4 3

♦ Q 7

♣ Q 10 6

♠ 6 5 4

♥ 9 8 2

♦ K J 10 6

♣ 4 3 2

W N E S

♠ 7

♥ 10 5

♦ A 5 4 3 2

♣ J 9 8 7 5

♠ A K J 8 3

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 9 8

♣ A K

11
4 5
20

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 2

♥ 10 9 5 3 2

♦ Q 4

♣ 9 8 7

♠ A K 4 3

♥ Q J 8 6

♦ A 9

♣ Q J 6

N
W E
S

♠ Q 8 5

♥ A K 4

♦ K J 10

♣ K 10 4 3

♠ 9 7 6

♥ 7

♦ 8 7 6 5 3 2

♣ A 5 2

3
17 16
4

Deal 15

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 9 6 4
♥ AJ 9 5 3
♦ A Q J 3
♣ 7

♠ A 10
♥ Q 10 2
♦ 10 9 8 6
♣ J 6 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ 7 5 2
♥ —
♦ K 5 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 8 3 2

12
7 5
16
♠ K Q J 8 3
♥ K 8 7 6 4
♦ 7
♣ A K

Deal 16

West Deals
E-W Vul
♠ A 10
♥ A K 7 6
♦ A 8 5
♣ A K J 5
♠ 9 7 2
♥ Q 9 5
♦ 10 9 7 3
♣ 9 6 3

23
2 **3**
12

N
W E
S

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

Deal 17

North Deals	♠ 7 ♥ 10 7 5 4 3 ♦ Q 9 8 5 3 ♣ 10 5									
None Vul	♠ A Q J 2 ♥ K Q J ♦ J 6 ♣ K Q J 8									
	♠ K 10 9 8 3 ♥ 2 ♦ A K 10 4 ♣ A 7 3									
	♠ 6 5 4 ♥ A 9 8 6 ♦ 7 2 ♣ 9 6 4 2									
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	S									
	20 14									
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Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 10 9 2

♥ A J 4 3

♦ Q 7

♣ Q 10 6

♠ 6 5 4

♥ 9 8 2

♦ K J 10 6

♣ 4 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ 7

♥ 10 5

♦ A 5 4 3 2

♣ J 9 8 7 5

11
4 5
20

♠ A K J 8 3

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 9 8

♣ A K

Deal 19 ♠ J 10 2

South Deals ♥ 10 9 5 3 2

E-W Vul ♦ Q 4

♣ 9 8 7

♠ A K 4 3

♥ Q J 8 6

♦ A 9

♣ Q J 6

N
W E
S

♠ Q 8 5

♥ A K 4

♦ K J 10

♣ K 10 4 3

♠ 9 7 6

♥ 7

♦ 8 7 6 5 3 2

♣ A 5 2

3
17 16
4

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 6 4
♥ AJ 9 5 3
♦ A Q J 3
♣ 7

♠ A 10
♥ Q 10 2
♦ 10 9 8 6
♣ J 6 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ 7 5 2
♥ —
♦ K 5 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 8 3 2

12
7 5
16

♠ K Q J 8 3
♥ K 8 7 6 4
♦ 7
♣ A K

Deal 21

North Deals	♠ A 10
N-S Vul	♥ A K 7 6
	♦ A 8 5
	♣ A K J 5
♠ 9 7 2	♠ 5
♥ Q 9 5	♥ J 10 8 4 2
♦ 10 9 7 3	♦ 6 2
♣ 9 6 3	♣ Q 10 8 4 2
23 2 3 12	♠ K Q J 8 6 4 3
	♥ 3
	♦ K Q J 4
	♣ 7



Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7

♥ 10 7 5 4 3

♦ Q 9 8 5 3

♣ 10 5

♠ A Q J 2

♥ K Q J

♦ J 6

♣ K Q J 8

N
W E
S

♠ K 10 9 8 3

♥ 2

♦ A K 10 4

♣ A 7 3

20
2
4
14♠ 6 5 4
♥ A 9 8 6
♦ 7 2
♣ 9 6 4 2

Deal 23 ♠ Q 10 9 2
South Deals ♥ A J 4 3
Both Vul ♦ Q 7
 ♣ Q 10 6

♠ 6 5 4
♥ 9 8 2
♦ K J 10 6
♣ 4 3 2

11
4 5
20

N
W E
S

♠ 7
♥ 10 5
♦ A 5 4 3 2
♣ J 9 8 7 5

♠ A K J 8 3
♥ K Q 7 6
♦ 9 8
♣ A K

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 2

♥ 10 9 5 3 2

♦ Q 4

♣ 9 8 7

♠ A K 4 3

♥ Q J 8 6

♦ A 9

♣ Q J 6

♠ Q 8 5

♥ A K 4

♦ K J 10

♣ K 10 4 3



♠ 9 7 6

♥ 7

♦ 8 7 6 5 3 2

♣ A 5 2

3
17 16
4

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 6 4

♥ AJ 9 5 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7

♠ A 10

♥ Q 10 2

♦ 10 9 8 6

♣ J 6 5 4

W N E
S

♠ 7 5 2

♥ —

♦ K 5 4 2

♣ Q 10 9 8 3 2

♠ K Q J 8 3

12
7 5
16

♥ K 8 7 6 4

♦ 7

♣ A K

Deal 26

East Deals
Both Vul

♠ 9 7 2
♥ Q 9 5
♦ 10 9 7 3
♣ 9 6 3

♠ A 10
♥ A K 7 6
♦ A 8 5
♣ A K J 5

N
W E
S

♠ 5
♥ J 10 8 4 2
♦ 6 2
♣ Q 10 8 4 2

♠ K Q J 8 6 4 3
♥ 3
♦ K Q J 4
♣ 7

23
2 **3**
12

Deal 27

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q J 2
♥ K Q J
♦ J 6
♣ K Q J 8



♠ 7
♥ 10 7 5 4 3
♦ Q 9 8 5 3
♣ 10 5

♠ K 10 9 8 3
♥ 2
♦ A K 10 4
♣ A 7 3

♠ 6 5 4
♥ A 9 8 6
♦ 7 2
♣ 9 6 4 2

20 **14**
2 **4**

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 10 9 2

♥ A J 4 3

♦ Q 7

♣ Q 10 6

♠ 6 5 4

♥ 9 8 2

♦ K J 10 6

♣ 4 3 2

W N E S

♠ 7

♥ 10 5

♦ A 5 4 3 2

♣ J 9 8 7 5

♠ A K J 8 3

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 9 8

♣ A K

11
4 5
20

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 10 2

♥ 10 9 5 3 2

♦ Q 4

♣ 9 8 7

♠ A K 4 3

♥ Q J 8 6

♦ A 9

♣ Q J 6

N
W E
S

♠ Q 8 5

♥ A K 4

♦ K J 10

♣ K 10 4 3

♠ 9 7 6

♥ 7

♦ 8 7 6 5 3 2

♣ A 5 2

3
17 16
4

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 4

♥ AJ 9 5 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7

♠ A 10

♥ Q 10 2

♦ 10 9 8 6

♣ J 6 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ 7 5 2

♥ —

♦ K 5 4 2

♣ Q 10 9 8 3 2

♠ K Q J 8 3

12
7 5
16

♥ K 8 7 6 4

♦ 7

♣ A K

Deal 31

South Deals	♠ A 10
N-S Vul	♥ A K 7 6
	♦ A 8 5
	♣ A K J 5
♠ 9 7 2	♠ 5
♥ Q 9 5	♥ J 10 8 4 2
♦ 10 9 7 3	♦ 6 2
♣ 9 6 3	♣ Q 10 8 4 2
23	♠ K Q J 8 6 4 3
2 3	♥ 3
12	♦ K Q J 4
	♣ 7

N
W E
S

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7

♥ 10 7 5 4 3

♦ Q 9 8 5 3

♣ 10 5

♠ A Q J 2

♥ K Q J

♦ J 6

♣ K Q J 8

♠ K 10 9 8 3

♥ 2

♦ A K 10 4

♣ A 7 3

2	6 5 4
20	A 9 8 6
4	♦ 7 2
	♣ 9 6 4 2

N	
W	
	E
S	

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 9 2

♥ A J 4 3

♦ Q 7

♣ Q 10 6

♠ 6 5 4

♥ 9 8 2

♦ K J 10 6

♣ 4 3 2

W N E S

♠ 7

♥ 10 5

♦ A 5 4 3 2

♣ J 9 8 7 5

11
4 5
20

♠ A K J 8 3

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 9 8

♣ A K

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 10 2

♥ 10 9 5 3 2

♦ Q 4

♣ 9 8 7

♠ A K 4 3

♥ Q J 8 6

♦ A 9

♣ Q J 6

W N E
S

♠ Q 8 5

♥ A K 4

♦ K J 10

♣ K 10 4 3

♠ 9 7 6

3
17 16
4

♥ 7

♦ 8 7 6 5 3 2

♣ A 5 2

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 6 4

♥ AJ 9 5 3

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 7

♠ A 10

♥ Q 10 2

♦ 10 9 8 6

♣ J 6 5 4

W N E
S

♠ 7 5 2

♥ —

♦ K 5 4 2

♣ Q 10 9 8 3 2

♠ K Q J 8 3

12
7 5
16

♥ K 8 7 6 4

♦ 7

♣ A K