

Board 1

South Deals
None Vul

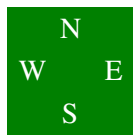
♠ Q J T 4
♥ 7 2
♦ 9 5 3 2
♣ 9 7 6

♠ A 9 8 6

♥ K Q J T

♦ K T 8 6

♣ 3



♠ 7 3 2

♥ 6 4 3

♦ J 7 4

♣ A T 8 2

♠ K 5

♥ A 9 8 5

♦ A Q

♣ K Q J 5 4

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	All Pass	

6 ♥ by North

Baker Blackwood 6

You MIGHT say that with 13 points and partner controlling the ♣s you could jump to 2NT, "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 4NT. Partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

Partner shows 2 Aces so you bid 6 ♥.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 5 4 3
 ♥ 9 8 4 3 2
 ♦ A 6 3
 ♣ 9 7

♠ A K
 ♥ K T
 ♦ K Q J 9 4
 ♣ K T 8 3



♠ J 9 8 7 2
 ♥ J 7 6
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ J 6 4

♠ Q T 6
 ♥ A Q 5
 ♦ T 8 7
 ♣ A Q 5 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	6NT		

6NT by North

Baker Blackwood 7
 You dealt this hand.

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

With partner's 13-15 added onto your 20, bidding 6NT 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 6NT.

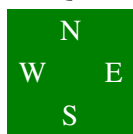
Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ J 9 5 4 2
 ♣ T 9 8 5 4

♠ T 9 2
 ♥ A K Q T 5
 ♦ A K
 ♣ K Q J



♠ K 6 5
 ♥ 9 8 7 3 2
 ♦ Q 7 3
 ♣ 7 2

♠ A Q J 8 7 3
 ♥ 6
 ♦ T 8 6
 ♣ A 6 3

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

6NT by North

Baker Blackwood 8
 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 4NT. What is your reply?

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

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

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J T 8 7 5 3

♥ 6

♦ 8 7 6

♣ K T

♠ A K

♥ K 8 5 3

♦ K Q J 4

♣ A 9 3



♠ 9

♥ J T

♦ A T 9 5 3 2

♣ Q J 7 6

♠ 6 4 2

♥ A Q 9 7 4 2

♦ -

♣ 8 5 4 2

Baker Blackwood 9

You need to find out about Aces so you bid 4NT.

Partner says 6♦. What do you bid?

Partner has shown one Ace and a ♦ void. As to what you bid, that's easy. You have no choice now but to say 6♥. This is a pretty good slam, but it is not cold. Maybe West will not lead a ♣. Or maybe East will have the ♦A.

West	North	East	South
			2♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 9 8 6 5 2

♥ A 7 4

♦ 9 4 2

♣ 4

♠ A T 7

♥ 9 5 2

♦ A T 8 6

♣ Q 6 3



♠ K Q 4

♥ K Q J 3

♦ K Q J 5

♣ A K

♠ 3

♥ T 8 6

♦ 7 3

♣ J T 9 8 7 5 2

Baker Blackwood 10

Not everybody responds to 2♣ openers the same way. But with 9 balanced points 2NT is reasonable. Partner jumps to 4♣. What do you bid?

With 2 Aces your response is 4♠. Partner bids 6NT and you pass.

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6NT by South