

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 4  
 ♥ K Q 8 5  
 ♦ 4 2  
 ♣ T 9 8 6 3 2

♠ K Q 8 5

♥ J 6 3

♦ 8 7

♣ A Q J 4



♠ T 7 2

♥ T 9 7 2

♦ K T 9 5 3

♣ 7

♠ A J 9 6 3

♥ A 4

♦ A Q J 6

♣ K 5

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	6 ♠
All Pass			

6 ♠ by South

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When NORTH gives immediate support, SOUTH's thoughts naturally

turn to slam. This is a good hand to use Blackwood on, so SOUTH bids 4NT.

NORTH's 5

answer shows one Ace, which SOUTH cleverly deduces

must be the A.

SOUTH bids 6 since NORTH has not bid strongly enough to think about 7.

# Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 5 2  
♥ 6  
♦ A 6 5 4  
♣ T 9 8 6 5 4

♠ K Q J

♥ A K T

♦ K Q 2

♣ K Q 7 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ T 9 8 7 3

♥ 5 3 2

♦ T 7

♣ A J 2

♠ A 6 4

♥ Q J 9 8 7 4

♦ J 9 8 3

♣ -

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

, knowing they must lose the

A.

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NORTH expects to bid 2NT at his second turn, but

SOUTH gives a positive 2

response and his thinking changes! First he supports

s, setting the

trump suit.

SOUTH then bids 3 showing first round control.

NORTH tries 4NT (Blackwood) and

SOUTH replies 6 This shows a void and one Ace, obviously the A.

NORTH bids 6

Board 3

South Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ Q J 9 3  
♥ 2  
♦ Q 5 2  
♣ K T 5 3 2

♠ A 8 4 2  
♥ Q J 8 6  
♦ A 9 8 6 3  
♣ -

N  
W     E  
S

♠ T 7 6  
♥ 9 4  
♦ J T 4  
♣ A Q 8 7 4

♠ K 5  
♥ A K T 7 5 3  
♦ K 7  
♣ J 9 6

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

7♥ by South

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NORTH's jump to 4 is a Splinter bid, at least 4-card

support,  
at least opening hand, and a Singleton or Void.

SOUTH bids 4NT, Blackwood.

NORTH's 5NT reply shows two Aces and a Void somewhere, obviously s.

SOUTH counts thirteen tricks and bids 7

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**Board 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 6 2

♥ 8 4 2

♦ Q J 5 3

♣ A 4

♠ -

♥ A 9 7 5

♦ K 9 8 6 4

♣ J 9 3 2



♠ A Q J 9 8 4

♥ 6

♦ T 7 2

♣ 8 7 5

♠ K 5 3

♥ K Q J T 3

♦ A

♣ K Q T 6

West

North

East

South

Pass

3♥

Pass

1♥

Pass

6♥

All Pass

4NT

6♥ by North

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SOUTH figures that if NORTH holds two Aces he will bid the slam.

NORTH only has one Ace, but she has something else just as good - a void in a suit which

is higher-ranking than

s.

SOUTH manages to figure out that NORTH has a void and bids the slam anyway.

**Board 5**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J T 2  
♥ 9 5 4 3 2  
♦ K Q J  
♣ 5 2

♠ K 7 5 3

♥ J 8 7

♦ A 8 6 5

♣ 7 4



♠ Q

♥ T 6

♦ T 9 4 3 2

♣ A Q T 9 8

♠ A 9 8 6 4

♥ A K Q

♦ 7

♣ K J 6 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♠

Pass

1♠

4♠

All Pass

4♠ by South

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SOUTH may have a good hand but NORTH merely gave a simple raise.

Even if NORTH has a maximum there won't be a slam.

**Board 6**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A T 9 6  
 ♥ A 7  
 ♦ T 9 7 3  
 ♣ T 3 2

♠ Q 7 5 3

♥ T 9 4 2

♦ A 8

♣ K J 4



♠ K J 8 4 2

♥ 5

♦ Q 6 5 4

♣ 9 8 7

♠ -

♥ K Q J 8 6 3

♦ K J 2

♣ A Q 6 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
All Pass			

6 ♥ by South

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SOUTH has a tough decision after the two Control-showing bids.

If he uses Blackwood and NORTH shows two Aces he will be no better off, because he won't know if one

of the Aces is the useless A Based on knowing that NORTH holds the

A,

he bids 6

, hoping that he can at least make that and that 7 isn't a laydown!