

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

N
W
E
S

♠ 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



♠ T 9 8 7 3

♥ 5 3 2

♦ T 7

♣ A J 2

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 3South 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	♠ T 7 6
W		♥ 9 4
	E	♦ J T 4
	S	♣ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	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

N
W E
S

♠ 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 ABased 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!