

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 6

♣ J 10 9 2

10
3 6
21

♠ A 7

♥ K 3

♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2

♣ 7 6



♠ Q J 5

♥ J 7 5 4 2

♦ 10 5

♣ Q 5 3

♠ K 6 2

♥ A 10 9

♦ A K 3

♣ A K 8 4

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

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

2 NT

Pass

5 ♣

Pass

4 NT

Pass

7 NT

Pass

5 NT

Pass

7 NT by South

NORTH isn't sure just how much he can make, but surely 6

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

isn't

too much to hope for.

He starts with a Gerber $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\pounds$ and SOUTH shows three Aces.

Hmmm, $5\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\pounds$ asks for Kings and SOUTH shows three.

Hmm, NORTH can now count all thirteen tricks, so he forgets about the

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

slam and bids 7 NT.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 4
 ♥ 10 8 4 3
 ♦ A J 9 7
 ♣ 4 3

11
 5 4
 20

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 NT by South

♠ J 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ A K Q 10 9 6



♠ A K Q

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ J 8 7 5

North

4 ♣

4 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4 ♥

Pass

NORTH has 13 points and can contribute six tricks so she figures that twelve tricks will be a slam (dunk).

However, just to make sure the opponents don't take the first two tricks she checks with Gerber.

Uh Oh, missing two Aces she signs off at 4 NT. She could also happily play 5^{â™}£, but it

would be tricky to get there. Very tricky.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 4 2
♥ A 5 4 2
♦ Q 10 7 4 2
♣ 9 4

15
6 4
15

West

Pass

Pass

4 NT by South

♠ A Q 6

♥ K 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ K 10 6 5 3

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♠ K 7 5

♥ Q 9 6

♦ A 9 8 3

♣ A Q 7

North

4 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

♠ J 10 9 8 3

♥ J 10 8

♦ J 5

♣ J 8 2

Yes, this has nothing to do with Gerber or Blackwood, but everything to do with smart bidding.

NORTH has a 16 points and SOUTH has 15, 16 or 17. NORTH wants to be in 6 NT if SOUTH has 17,

but merely a Notrump game if she has 15 or 16.

The way to find out is to bid 4 NT - not Blackwood but merely an invitation to bid 6 NT.

In this case, SOUTH has but 15 points and declines the invitation. If her

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Q

were changed to the

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As she would bid 6 NT and collect her twelve easy tricks.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A 8 5 4

♦ 9 6

♣ 9 6 3

18

4 2

16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ K Q J 4

♥ K 6

♦ K 4

♣ K Q J 10 5



♠ A 8 7 6

♥ Q J 7

♦ A J 3

♣ A 8 2

North

4 ♣

6 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

4 NT

Pass

When SOUTH opens 1 NT NORTH hopes his hand includes all four Aces so she can bid 7 NT.

So she uses Gerber to find out.

But, when she discovers they are missing an Ace she settles for 6 NT.

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Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 4 3

♥ 2

♦ 10 9 8 5 4

♣ Q J 9 5

7
3 3
27

♠ 9 7 2

♥ K J 5 3

♦ K 7

♣ 7 6 4 2



♠ A K

♥ A Q 10 9 6

♦ A Q J 3

♣ A K

♠ Q J 10 8 5

♥ 8 7 4

♦ 6 2

♣ 10 8 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

ALL

7 NT by South

2 ♦

3 ♥

5 ♣

6 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♣

2 ♥

4 NT

5 NT

7 NT

Deal 6

Deal 6

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 9 3

20

2 4

14

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

♠ K 7

♥ K 9

♦ A Q J 10 4

♣ A Q J 7



♠ A 6 2

♥ A 10 4

♦ K 7 5

♣ K 8 6 2

North

1 ♦

4 ♣

5 ♣

7 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4 ♠

5 ♠

Pass

NORTH is just shy of a 2nd opening bid, and when SOUTH shows 13-15 points NORTH

wants to be in a slam.

NORTH cannot use Blackwood because 4 NT would be a natural invitation, but with SOUTH's latest bid

being 2 NT he can use Gerber.

Two Major Aces and two Minor Kings fill the holes in NORTH's hand so he bids 7 NT.