

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10

♥ A 10 8 7 3

♦ Q 10 9 5 3

♣ 4 2

22
6 6
6

♠ A K Q 9 8 3

♥ 2

♦ A K

♣ K Q J 8



♠ J 7 4 2

♥ K Q 5 4

♦ 8 2

♣ 7 5 3

♠ 6 5

♥ J 9 6

♦ J 7 6 4

♣ A 10 9 6

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

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♣

Pass

5 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♠ by North

SOUTH's 3rd supporting bid is enough to convince NORTH to make a slam try.

NORTH bids Blackwood 4 NT. If SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH plans to bid 6th, but

when SOUTH bids 5th NORTH settles for 5th

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 7 2
 ♥ 7 5 2
 ♦ 7 5 2
 ♣ 9 5

23
 5 4
 8

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A 6 4
 ♥ K J 9
 ♦ A K Q J 9
 ♣ K Q



♠ J 3
 ♥ A Q 10 8 6
 ♦ 10 3
 ♣ J 10 7 4

North

2 ♣

4 NT

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

SOUTH makes a positive 3

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response to NORTH's 2♠™£ opener.

This promises at least 8 points and a 5-card suit with two or more honors.

NORTH only needs to know one thing - how many Aces in the SOUTH hand.

A Blackwood 4 NT tells her the answer is one, so she bids 6

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Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 3
 ♥ 9 8 5
 ♦ J 9 5 2
 ♣ 10 6 4

16
 1 5
 18

West

Pass

Pass

6 NT by North

♠ A 9 7
 ♥ Q J 4 2
 ♦ K Q 8 6
 ♣ A 5



♠ K Q
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ K Q J 9 7 3 2

North

1 NT

4 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♣

6 NT

When NORTH opens 1 NT, point-count alone tells SOUTH that 6 NT can surely be made.

NORTH is bound to hold at least two Aces. But SOUTH doesn't want to miss a Grand slam.

SOUTH bids 4[♣], (Gerber), and NORTH admits to just two Aces.

So SOUTH settles for the small slam.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7
 ♥ 10 8
 ♦ J 8 4 2
 ♣ J 7 6 5 4

12
 2 4
 22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

♠ J 9 5 2
 ♥ A J 7 4 3
 ♦ A Q
 ♣ 9 8



♠ A K Q 6 4 3
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ K 7 3
 ♣ A K

North

1 ♥

3 ♠

5 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

4 NT

7 NT

SOUTH has a powerhouse and knows she will reach a slam somewhere. When NORTH

supports the \hat{a}^{TM} s, it seems she has found her spot.

Blackwood tells her that NORTH has two Aces.

She can see there are 12 tricks available and decides to take a chance that

NORTH will have a thirteenth trick somewhere among his opening hand points.

She bids 7 NT.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 6 4
 ♥ 3
 ♦ 10 6 5
 ♣ A 9 7 5 4

8
 4 6
 22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♥ by North

♠ J 7 3
 ♥ A J 10 9 8
 ♦ 8 3 2
 ♣ Q 8



♠ A K 2
 ♥ K Q 6 5
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ K J 6

North

2 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 NT

5 ♥

SOUTH is tempted to go right to 6

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when she hears NORTH's positive

response. BUT, she should use Blackwood first.

It's good thing she did because NORTH admits to only one Ace - they are missing two Aces.

Deal 6

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 8 5
♥ Q J 9 4 2
♦ 6 2
♣ J 4

18
5 4
13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ K Q 4

♥ A 8

♦ K Q J 10 7 3

♣ K 5



♠ A 6 3

♥ K 10 7

♦ A 9 4

♣ Q 9 8 7

North

1 ♦

4 ♣

6 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4 ♠

Pass

NORTH not only has 20 points, he also has a lot of winners.

So when SOUTH jumps to 2 NT, showing 13-15 points, NORTH uses Gerber.

SOUTH shows two Aces so NORTH decides 6 NT will be just right.