

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 5 3
♥ A 10 9 5 2
♦ A 9 4
♣ A 4
♠ 8 4
♥ 8
♦ K Q J 10 7 5 2
♣ 8 6 3



♠ Q J 10 9 7
♥ 6 4 3
♦ 8 3
♣ 7 5 2

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6 3
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♦ K Q J 10 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5 NT	Pass	7 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 ♥ by North

When SOUTH answers Blackwood with one Ace NORTH decides to bid 5 NT to ask for Kings.

With two Kings, SOUTH would bid 6

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But she knows that if she does so, NORTH might stop right there.

Knowing the 5 NT bid guarantees all four Aces, SOUTH figures her â™£ suit will supply five tricks so she bids 7

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Deal 2
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ J 6 2
 ♥ K 10 8 3
 ♦ J 7 3 2
 ♣ 9 2

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 5 4
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♠ 8 7
 ♥ Q 9 7 4
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ A 10 8 3

♠ 10 9 4 3
 ♥ —
 ♦ A 10 9 8 4
 ♣ 7 6 5 4

♠ A K Q 5
 ♥ A J 6 5 2
 ♦ 6
 ♣ K Q J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥

Pass 3 ♥ Pass 4 NT
 Pass 5 ♦ Pass 5 ♥
 Pass Pass Pass

5 ♥ by South

SOUTH thinks there might be slam if NORTH holds both minor Aces, so he tries Blackwood.

When NORTH shows just one Ace SOUTH is afraid he will have a trump loser as well, so

he stops at 5

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It turns out that SOUTH might make twelve tricks, depending on the

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K situation.

Deal 3

North Deals	♠ A J 6
None Vul	♥ K 5
	♦ A Q 6 2
	♣ A 9 7 4
♠ Q 10 9 8 5	♠ 7 3
♥ 9 6 3	♥ 10
♦ 7 3	♦ J 10 9 8 5 4
♣ 10 6 2	♣ Q J 8 5

18	♠ K 4 2
2 4	♥ A Q J 8 7 4 2
16	♦ K
	♣ K 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
7 NT by North			



SOUTH might be tempted to blast into Blackwood with his first bid, pushing toward some slam

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s. He chooses to temporize with a 1

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response and is rewarded when NORTH jumps to 2 NT (18-19 points).

The Notrump bid prevents SOUTH from using Blackwood, but Gerber 4â™£ will work just fine.

When he discovers that NORTH holds three Aces and one King he can count thirteen tricks.

Deal 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 4 2
 ♥ J 8 5
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ 9 7 2

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1 5
10

♠ A K
 ♥ K Q 4
 ♦ K Q J 3
 ♣ K Q J 5

N
 W E
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♠ J 10 5
 ♥ 9 6 3 2
 ♦ A 10 7 6
 ♣ 4 3

♠ Q 6 3
 ♥ A 10 7
 ♦ 9 5 2
 ♣ A 10 8 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			

SOUTH responds 2 NT, showing 8+ points with no 5-card suit.

NORTH only needs to know how many Aces are in the SOUTH hand. He must use Gerber since

4 NT in this situation would not be Blackwood.

When SOUTH shows two Aces NORTH bids 6 NT.