Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 8 5
♡ J 6 3
♢ 8 7
♣ A Q J 4

♠ 10 2
♡ Q 9 8 5 2
♢ 10 9 3
♣ 10 3 2

♠ 7 4
♡ K 10 7
♢ K 5 4 2
♣ 9 8 7 6

13
2 6
19

♠ A J 9 6 3
♡ A 4
♢ A Q J 6
♣ K 5

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

6 ♠ by South

When NORTH gives immediate â™ support, SOUTH's thoughts naturally

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

NORTH's 5

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answer shows one Ace, which SOUTH cleverly deduces

must be the â™£A.

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

Deal 2
North Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J
♡ A K 10
♢ K Q 2
♣ K Q 7 3

♠ 10 9 8 3 2
♡ 6
♢ A 6 5
♣ J 9 4 2

♠ 7 5
♡ 5 3 2
♢ 10 7 4
♣ A 10 8 6 5

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5 4
8

♠ 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	4 NT	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	6 ♡	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 ♡ by South

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, knowing they must lose the

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A.

NORTH expects to bid 2 NT at his second turn, but SOUTH gives a positive 2

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response and his thinking changes! First he supports

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s, setting the

trump suit.

SOUTH then bids 3â™ , showing first round control. NORTH tries 4 NT (Blackwood) and

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

NORTH bids 6

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 4 2
♡ Q J 8 6
♢ A 9 8 6 3
♣ —

♠ J 10 7 6
♡ 4
♢ J 4 2
♣ A 8 5 4 2

♠ Q 9 3
♡ 9 2
♢ Q 10 5
♣ K Q 10 7 3

11
6 9
14

♠ K 5
♡ A K 10 7 5 3
♢ K 7
♣ J 9 6

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1 ♡
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 NT	Pass	7 ♡
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 ♡ by South

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

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support,

at least opening hand, and a â™£ Singleton or Void.

SOUTH bids 4 NT, Blackwood.

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

SOUTH counts thirteen tricks and bids 7

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Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ —
♡ A 9 7 5
♢ K 9 8 6 4
♣ J 9 3 2

♠ A 10 8 6
♡ 6 4
♢ J 10 3 2
♣ 8 7 5

♠ Q J 9 7 4 2
♡ 8 2
♢ Q 7 5
♣ A 4

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5 9
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♠ K 5 3
♡ K Q J 10 3
♢ A
♣ K Q 10 6

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1♡
Pass	3♡	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6♡	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6♡ by South

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

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s.

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

Deal 5
South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 7 5 3
♡ J 8 7
♢ A 8 6 5
♣ 7 4

♠ J 10
♡ 10 5 4 3
♢ K Q J 10 4
♣ 10 5

♠ Q 2
♡ 9 6 2
♢ 9 3 2
♣ A Q 9 8 2

8
7 **8**
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♠ A 9 8 6 4
♡ A K Q
♢ 7
♣ K J 6 3

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

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.

Deal 6
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 7 5 3
♡ 10 9 4 2
♢ A 8
♣ K J 4

♠ A J 10 6 4
♡ 7 5
♢ Q 7 4
♣ 10 9 8

♠ K 9 8 2
♡ A
♢ 10 9 6 5 3
♣ 7 3 2

10
7 7
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♠ —
♡ 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♡
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6♡ by South

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 â™ A. Based on knowing that NORTH holds the

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A,

he bids 6

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