

**Deal 1**

South Deals	♠ A K		
None Vul	♥ K 9 4 2		
	♦ K Q J 10 5 4		
	♣ 8		
♠ Q J 9 5 2	♠ 10 7 6 3		
♥ 5	♥ Q 7		
♦ 8	♦ A 9 7 2		
♣ K J 10 9 4 3	♣ Q 6 2		
	♠ 8 4		
16 7 8 9	♥ A J 10 8 6 3 ♦ 6 3 ♣ A 7 5		
West	North	East	South
Pass	4 NT	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	5 ♥
Pass			Pass
6 ♥ by South			

Partner opens a Weak 2-bid and catches you with a blockbuster. The only thing you want to know about his hand now is how many Aces he has. So you bid 4 NT. Partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

That makes it simple, with 2 Aces you bid a confident 6 ♥. If he had 1 Ace you would have bid an also confident 5 ♥. If he had zero Aces you would have been in a spot of trouble. And if he had 3 Aces you would have asked him how he could open a Weak-2 with that many points.

**Deal 2**

North Deals  
None Vul

**♠ Q J 7 4**  
**♥ 7 4**  
**♦ J 9 7 4**  
**♣ 10 8 6**

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**♠ K 5**  
**♥ A 9 8 5**  
**♦ A Q**  
**♣ K Q J 5 4**

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

**♠ A 9 8 6**  
**♥ K Q J 10**  
**♦ K 10 8 6**  
**♣ 3**

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by South

You MIGHT say that with 13 points and partner controlling the ♣s you could jump to 2 NT, "To show you my points, partner." You might say it but you won't because your first priority is to look for a Major suit fit. You bid 1 ♥ (skipping ♦s with the two Majors). Partner now jumps to 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner says you can make game even if you have a minimum 6 points. So he must have about 20. So you think you can make slam and you bid 4 NT. Partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

Partner shows 2 Aces so you bid 6 ♥.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 2  
 ♥ 9 8 7 6 3 2  
 ♦ A 2  
 ♣ 9 7

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



♠ 9 8 7 5 3  
 ♥ J 4  
 ♦ 6 5 3  
 ♣ J 6 4

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

**19**  
 5 2  
**14**

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

You dealt this hand.

You have 20 points and it would not be terrible to open 2 NT. However, strictly speaking you shouldn't open 2 NT with two doubletons. So you open 1♦. Partner responds with a jump to 2 NT. What do you bid?

With partner's 13-15 added onto your 20, bidding 6 NT would be a reasonable bid. However, it costs nothing to check for Aces first, so you bid 4♣. (Everybody agrees this is Gerber, right?) Partner answers 4♠. What do you bid?

Easy, missing one Ace you bid 6 NT.

**Deal 4**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5  
♥ 9 8 4 2  
♦ Q 5 3 2  
♣ 10 8 5 2

♠ A Q J 8 7 3

♥ 6

♦ 10 8 6

♣ A 6 3

	N		E	
W				S
	K 6 4		J 7 3	
	♦ J 9 7 4			
	♣ 9 7 4			

**11**  
**2 5**  
**22**

♠ 10 9 2  
♥ A K Q 10 5  
♦ A K  
♣ K Q J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	6 NT
ALL	Pass		
6 NT by South			

You dealt this hand.

With 13 points and a good Major suit you naturally open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♥. What do you bid next?

We are playing strong jump-shifts by Responder so partner is showing 17+ points. However, you are still stuck with your minimum opening so you just rebid 3 ♠. Partner bids 4 NT. What is your reply?

He asks for Aces so you bid 5 ♥ showing 2. He now bids 5 NT. What do you say?

You have no King. So you reply 6 ♣ and partner bids 6 NT (safer than 6 ♠).