

Deal 1

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



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
5 ♠ by South			

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

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

when NORTH bids 5â™£ SOUTH settles for 5â™

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 7 2
♥ 7 5 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 5

23
5 4
8

West

♠ A 6 4
♥ K J 9
♦ A K Q J 9
♣ K Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 8 5
♥ 4 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ A 8 6 3 2

♠ J 3
♥ A Q 10 8 6
♦ 10 3
♣ J 10 7 4

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

6 ♥ by South

SOUTH makes a positive 3

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response to NORTH's 2â™£ 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q	♦ A 4
♥ K 6	♦ A 4
♦ K Q J 9 7 3 2	

♠ J 10 6 4 2	♦ 10 7 3
♥ A 10 7 3	♦ 10 7 3
♣ 8	

18	5 1
16	

N	
W	E
S	

♠ 8 5 3	♦ 9 8 5
♥ 9 8 5	♦ J 9 5 2
♣ 10 6 4	

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

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

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

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

NORTH bids 4 \hat{A} , (Gerber), and SOUTH admits to just two Aces.

So NORTH settles for the small slam.

Deal 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7
♥ 10 8
♦ J 8 4 2
♣ J 7 6 5 4

12
2 4
22

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 NT by South

♠ J 9 5 2
♥ AJ 7 4 3
♦ A Q
♣ 9 8

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

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

supports the ♠'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 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 5
 ♥ 7 4 2
 ♦ A 9 7 4
 ♣ 10 3 2

22
 6 4
 8

♠ A K 2
 ♥ K Q 6 5
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ K J 6

N
W E
S

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

♠ J 7 3
 ♥ A J 10 9 8
 ♦ 8 3 2
 ♣ Q 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
5 ♥ by South			

NORTH is tempted to go right to 6

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when she hears SOUTH's positive response. BUT, she should use Blackwood first.

It's good thing she did because SOUTH 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

♠ K Q 4
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ K Q J 10 7 3
 ♣ K 5

W N E
S

♠ 9 7 2
 ♥ 6 5 3
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ A 10 6 3 2

♠ A 6 3
 ♥ K 10 7
 ♦ A 9 4
 ♣ Q 9 8 7

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

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.