

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ K 10 7
♦ K 5 4 2
♣ 9 8 7 6

♠ A J 9 6 3
♥ A 4
♦ A Q J 6
♣ K 5



♠ 10 2
♥ Q 9 8 5 2
♦ 10 9 3
♣ 10 3 2

19
6 2
13

♠ K Q 8 5
♥ J 6 3
♦ 8 7
♣ A Q J 4

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

When SOUTH gives immediate \hat{a}^{TM} support, NORTH's thoughts naturally

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

SOUTH's 5

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

answer shows one Ace, which NORTH cleverly deduces

must be the $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{£A}$.

NORTH bids 6 \hat{a}^{TM} since SOUTH has not bid strongly enough to think about 7.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J
♥ A K 10
♦ K Q 2
♣ K Q 7 3

4
23 8
5

West
2 ♣
3 ♥
4 NT
6 ♥
6 ♥ by East

♠ 7 5
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A 10 8 6 5

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♠ 10 9 8 3 2
♥ 6
♦ A 6 5
♣ J 9 4 2

North

Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

East

2 ♥
3 ♠
6 ♣
Pass

South

Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

♠ A 6 4
♥ Q J 9 8 7 4
♦ J 9 8 3
♣ —

WEST expects to bid 2 NT at his second turn, but EAST gives a positive 2

♠™

response and his thinking changes! First he supports

♠™

s, setting the

trump suit.

EAST then bids 3♠™, showing first round control. WEST tries 4 NT (Blackwood) and

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

WEST bids 6

♠™

, knowing they must lose the

♠™|

A.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 6
 ♥ 4
 ♦ J 4 2
 ♣ A 8 5 4 2

11
 6 9
 14

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

7♥ by South

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



♠ K 5
 ♥ A K 10 7 5 3
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ J 9 6

North

4♣

5 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1♥

4 NT

7♥

NORTH's jump to 4th ♠ is a Splinter bid,
 at least 4-card

4th ♠

support,

at least opening hand, and a 4th ♠
 Singleton or Void.

SOUTH bids 4 NT, Blackwood.

NORTH's 5 NT reply shows two Aces and
 a Void somewhere, obviously 4th ♠s.

SOUTH counts thirteen tricks and bids 7

4th ♠

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Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 5 3

♥ K Q J 10 3

♦ A

♣ K Q 10 6

5
18 8
9

♠ 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

♠ —

♥ A 9 7 5

♦ K 9 8 6 4

♣ J 9 3 2

West

1 ♥

4 NT

Pass

6 ♥ by West

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

3 ♥

6 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

WEST figures that if EAST holds two Aces he will bid the slam.

EAST only has one Ace, but she has something else just as good - a void in a suit which

is higher-ranking than

\hat{a}^{TM}

s.

WEST manages to figure out that EAST has a \hat{a}^{TM} void and bids the slam anyway.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 2
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A Q 9 8 2

17
8 7
8

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A 9 8 6 4

♥ A K Q

♦ 7

♣ K J 6 3



♠ K 7 5 3

♥ J 8 7

♦ A 8 6 5

♣ 7 4

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

Pass

NORTH may have a good hand but
SOUTH merely gave a simple raise.

Even if SOUTH has a maximum there
won't be a slam.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 5 3
 ♥ 10 9 4 2
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ K J 4

7
 10 16
 7

West

3 ♥

4 ♦

Pass

6 ♥ by East

♠ K 9 8 2

♥ A

♦ 10 9 6 5 3

♣ 7 3 2



♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ 7 5

♦ Q 7 4

♣ 10 9 8

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4 ♣

6 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

EAST has a tough decision after the two Control-showing bids.

If he uses Blackwood and WEST shows two Aces he will be no better off, because he won't know if one

of the Aces is the useless \hat{a}^{TM} A. Based on knowing that WEST holds the

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

A,

he bids 6

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\Upsilon$

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