Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

North: ♠ A K Q 9 8 3 ♡ 2 ◇ A K ♣ K Q J 8

West: ♠ 10 ♡ A 10 8 7 3 ◇ Q 10 9 5 3 ♣ 4 2

East: ♠ 6 5 ♡ J 9 6 ◇ J 7 6 4 ♣ A 10 9 6

South: ♠ J 7 4 2 ♡ K Q 5 4 ◇ 8 2 ♣ 7 5 3

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ◇
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

5 ♠ by North

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

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

when SOUTH bids 5♥£ NORTH settles for 5♥

Deal 2
West Deals
None Vul

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              ♠ 10 8 5
              ♥ 4 3
              ♦ 8 6 4
              ♣ A 8 6 3 2
♠ A 6 4                    ♠ J 3
♥ K J 9         N         ♥ A Q 10 8 6
♦ A K Q J 9   W   E       ♦ 10 3
♣ K Q           S         ♣ J 10 7 4
              ♠ K Q 9 7 2
     4        ♥ 7 5 2
  23   8      ♦ 7 5 2
     5        ♣ 9 5
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West	North	East	South
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

6 ♥ by East

EAST makes a positive 3

♥

response to WEST's 2♣ opener.

This promises at least 8 points and a 5-card suit with two or more honors.

WEST only needs to know one thing - how many Aces in the EAST 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
♡ K 6
◇ A 4
♣ K Q J 9 7 3 2

♠ J 10 6 4 2
♡ A 10 7 3
◇ 10 7 3
♣ 8

♠ 8 5 3
♡ 9 8 5
◇ J 9 5 2
♣ 10 6 4

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      N
   W     E
      S
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18
5   1
  16

♠ A 9 7
♡ Q J 4 2
◇ K Q 8 6
♣ 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 4â™£, (Gerber), and SOUTH admits to just two Aces.

So NORTH settles for the small slam.

Deal 4
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7
♡ 10 8
♢ J 8 4 2
♣ J 7 6 5 4

♠ A K Q 6 4 3
♡ K 5
♢ K 7 3
♣ A K

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 5 2
♡ A J 7 4 3
♢ A Q
♣ 9 8

2
22 12
4

♠ 10
♡ Q 9 6 2
♢ 10 9 6 5
♣ Q 10 3 2

West	North	East	South
		1 ♡	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♡	Pass
7 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

7 NT by West

WEST has a powerhouse and knows she will reach a slam somewhere. When EAST

supports the ♠ s, it seems she has found her spot.

Blackwood tells her that EAST has two Aces.

She can see there are 12 tricks available and decides to take a chance that

EAST will have a thirteenth trick somewhere among his opening hand points.

She bids 7 NT.

Deal 5
South Deals
None Vul

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              ♠ J 7 3
              ♡ A J 10 9 8
              ◇ 8 3 2
              ♣ Q 8
♠ 10 9 6 4           ♠ Q 8 5
♡ 3          N       ♡ 7 4 2
◇ 10 6 5   W   E     ◇ A 9 7 4
♣ A 9 7 5 4    S     ♣ 10 3 2
              ♠ A K 2
        8     ♡ K Q 6 5
     4    6   ◇ K Q J
       22     ♣ K J 6
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West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♡	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ◇	Pass	5 ♡
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♡ by North

SOUTH is tempted to go right to 6 ♥

when she hears NORTH's positive

response. BUT, she should use Blackwood first.

It's good thing she did because NORTH admits to only one Ace - they are missing two Aces.