

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9 8  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ K T 8 7 3 2  
 ♣ 7 3

♠ K 5 3  
 ♥ A T 9 5 2  
 ♦ A 9 4  
 ♣ A 4



♠ T 7 4  
 ♥ 8 4 3  
 ♦ Q J 5  
 ♣ 8 6 5 2

♠ A 6 2  
 ♥ K Q J 7  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ K Q J T 9

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	7 ♥
All Pass			

7 ♥ by South

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When SOUTH answers Blackwood with one Ace  
NORTH decides to bid 5NT to ask for Kings.

With two Kings, SOUTH would bid 6

.

But she knows that if she does so, NORTH might stop right there.

Knowing the 5NT bid guarantees all four Aces,  
SOUTH figures her suit will

supply five tricks so she bids 7

.

**Board 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 3  
♥ K 3  
♦ 8 7 4 3  
♣ 9 5 4 2

♠ 8 7

♥ Q 9 7 4

♦ K Q 5

♣ A T 8 3

	N	
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♠ T 6 4 2

♥ T 8

♦ A J T 9 2

♣ 7 6

♠ A K Q 5

♥ A J 6 5 2

♦ 6

♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥
All Pass			

5 ♥ by South

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SOUTH thinks there might be slam if NORTH holds both minor Aces, so he tries Blackwood.

When NORTH shows just one Ace SOUTH is afraid he will have a trump loser as well, so

he stops at 5

.

It turns out that SOUTH might make twelve tricks, depending on the

K situation.

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8  
 ♥ 9 6 3  
 ♦ T 9 5 4 3  
 ♣ T 8 5

♠ A J 6

♥ K 5

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ A 9 7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 7 5 3

♥ T

♦ J 8 7

♣ Q J 6 2

♠ K 4 2

♥ A Q J 8 7 4 2

♦ K

♣ K 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

7 NT by South

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SOUTH might be tempted to blast into Blackwood with his first bid, pushing toward some slam

in

s. He chooses to temporize with a 1

response and is rewarded when NORTH jumps to 2NT (18-19 points).

The Notrump bid prevents SOUTH from using Blackwood, but Gerber 4 ♣ will work just fine.

When he discovers that NORTH holds three Aces and one King he can count thirteen tricks.

**Board 4**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J T 7 2  
 ♥ J 6 5 3 2  
 ♦ 7 6 4  
 ♣ 3

♠ A K

♥ K Q 4

♦ K Q J 3

♣ K Q J 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 8 5 4

♥ 9 8

♦ A T 8

♣ 9 7 4 2

♠ Q 6 3

♥ A T 7

♦ 9 5 2

♣ A T 8 6

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6NT by North

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SOUTH responds 2NT, showing 8+ points with no 5-card suit.

NORTH only needs to know how many Aces are in the SOUTH hand. He must use Gerber since

4NT in this situation would not be Blackwood.

When SOUTH shows two Aces NORTH bids 6NT.