

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q J 5  
♥ J 7 5 4 2  
♦ 10 5  
♣ Q 5 3

21  
6 3  
10

♠ K 6 2  
♥ A 10 9  
♦ A K 3  
♣ A K 8 4



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

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

West	North	East	South
	2 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 NT	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
7 NT by North			

SOUTH isn't sure just how much he can make, but surely 6

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isn't

too much to hope for.

He starts with a Gerber 4â™™£ and NORTH shows three Aces.

Hmmm, 5â™™£ asks for Kings and NORTH shows three.

Hmm, SOUTH can now count all thirteen tricks, so he forgets about the

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slam and bids 7 NT.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 5 3 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ 10 6 4 2

♣ 2

♠ J 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ A K Q 10 9 6



♠ A K Q

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ J 8 7 5

♠ 10 9 4

♥ 10 8 4 3

♦ A J 9 7

♣ 4 3

4  
11 20  
5

*West**North**East**South*

4 ♣

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 NT by East

WEST has 13 points and can contribute six tricks so she figures that twelve tricks will be a slam (dunk).

However, just to make sure the opponents don't take the first two tricks she checks with Gerber.

Uh Oh, missing two Aces she signs off at 4 NT. She could also happily play 5<sup>â™</sup>£, but it

would be tricky to get there. Very tricky.

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 4 2  
♥ A 5 4 2  
♦ Q 10 7 4 2  
♣ 9 4

15  
6 4  
15

West

Pass

Pass

4 NT by South

♠ A Q 6

♥ K 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ K 10 6 5 3

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♠ K 7 5

♥ Q 9 6

♦ A 9 8 3

♣ A Q 7

North

4 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

Yes, this has nothing to do with Gerber or Blackwood, but everything to do with smart bidding.

NORTH has a 16 points and SOUTH has 15, 16 or 17. NORTH wants to be in 6 NT if SOUTH has 17,

but merely a Notrump game if she has 15 or 16.

The way to find out is to bid 4 NT - not Blackwood but merely an invitation to bid 6 NT.

In this case, SOUTH has but 15 points and declines the invitation. If her

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were changed to the

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As she would bid 6 NT and collect her twelve easy tricks.

**Deal 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 8 7 6  
♥ Q J 7  
♦ A J 3  
♣ A 8 2

♠ 10 9 5 3  
♥ A 8 5 4  
♦ 9 6  
♣ 9 6 3



♠ K Q J 4  
♥ K 6  
♦ K 4  
♣ K Q J 10 5

4  
16 18  
2

♠ 2  
♥ 10 9 3 2  
♦ Q 10 8 7 5 2  
♣ 7 4

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

When WEST opens 1 NT EAST hopes his hand includes all four Aces so she can bid 7 NT.

So she uses Gerber to find out.

But, when she discovers they are missing an Ace she settles for 6 NT.