

Deal 1

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 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 10 6 4
♥ 7 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ 10 9 8

10
7 7
16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 10 9 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ K J 4

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♠ —
♥ K Q J 8 6 3
♦ K J 2
♣ A Q 6 5

North

3 ♥

4 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 ♣

6 ♥

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

If he uses Blackwood and NORTH 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 NORTH holds the

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

A,

he bids 6

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

Deal 3

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 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 4
 ♥ 10 8 4 3
 ♦ A J 9 7
 ♣ 4 3

11
 5 4
 20

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 NT by South

♠ 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

North

4 ♣

4 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4 ♥

Pass

NORTH 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^{â™}£, but it

would be tricky to get there. Very tricky.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 8 3

♥ J 10 8

♦ J 5

♣ J 8 2

15
4 6
15

West

Pass

4 NT by North

♠ K 7 5

♥ Q 9 6

♦ A 9 8 3

♣ A Q 7

♠ A Q 6

♥ K 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ K 10 6 5 3

North

1 NT

Pass

♠ 4 2

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 7 4 2

♣ 9 4

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 NT



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

SOUTH has a 16 points and NORTH has 15, 16 or 17. SOUTH wants to be in 6 NT if NORTH 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, NORTH has but 15 points and declines the invitation. If her

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Q

were changed to the

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