

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 10 9 7
♥ 6 4 3
♦ 8 3
♣ 7 5 2

16
3 6
15

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

1 ♣
3 ♥
5 ♦
7 ♥
7 ♥ by South

♠ A 6 2
♥ K Q J 7
♦ 6
♣ K Q J 10 9



♠ K 5 3
♥ A 10 9 5 2
♦ A 9 4
♣ A 4

♠ 8 4
♥ 8
♦ K Q J 10 7 5 2
♣ 8 6 3

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

With two Kings, NORTH would bid 6

♠

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

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

supply five tricks so she bids 7

♠

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Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 6 2
♥ K 10 8 3
♦ J 7 3 2
♣ 9 2

11
5 4
20

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

5 ♥ by South

♠ 8 7
♥ Q 9 7 4
♦ K Q 5
♣ A 10 8 3



♠ A K Q 5
♥ A J 6 5 2
♦ 6
♣ K Q J

North

3 ♥
5 ♦
Pass

East

Pass
Pass
Pass

South

1 ♥
4 NT
5 ♥

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

♠™

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

♠™

K situation.

Deal 3

South Deals ♠ K 4 2
 None Vul ♥ A Q J 8 7 4 2
 ♦ K
 ♣ K 3

♠ 7 3 ♠ Q 10 9 8 5
 ♥ 10 ♥ 9 6 3
 ♦ J 10 9 8 5 4 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ Q J 8 5 ♣ 10 6 2

16
 4 2
 18

♠ A J 6
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A Q 6 2
 ♣ A 9 7 4

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

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

in

4TM♣

s. He chooses to temporize with a 1

4TM♣

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

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

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

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 4 2

♥ J 8 5

♦ 8 4

♣ 9 7 2

24

1 5

10

♠ A K

♥ K Q 4

♦ K Q J 3

♣ K Q J 5



♠ Q 6 3

♥ A 10 7

♦ 9 5 2

♣ A 10 8 6

♠ J 10 5

♥ 9 6 3 2

♦ A 10 7 6

♣ 4 3

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

SOUTH responds 2 NT, 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

4 NT in this situation would not be Blackwood.

When SOUTH shows two Aces NORTH bids 6 NT.