Board 1

South Deals

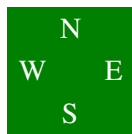None Vul

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                    ♠ K 7 5 3
                    ♥ J 8 7
                    ♦ A 8 6 5
                    ♣ 7 4
  ♠ J T 2                        ♠ Q
  ♥ 9 5 4 3 2          N         ♥ T 6
  ♦ K Q J          W     E       ♦ T 9 4 3 2
  ♣ 5 2               S          ♣ A Q T 9 8
                    ♠ A 9 8 6 4
                    ♥ A K Q
                    ♦ 7
                    ♣ K J 6 3
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West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH may have a good hand but NORTH merely gave a simple raise.

Even if NORTH has a maximum there won't be a slam.

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

North hand: ♠ Q 7 5 3 ♥ T 9 4 2 ♦ A 8 ♣ K J 4

West hand: ♠ A T 9 6 ♥ A 7 ♦ T 9 7 3 ♣ T 3 2

East hand: ♠ K J 8 4 2 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 6 5 4 ♣ 9 8 7

South hand: ♠ - ♥ K Q J 8 6 3 ♦ K J 2 ♣ A Q 6 5

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

6 ♥ by South

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 A   Based on knowing that NORTH holds the

A,

he bids 6

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

Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul

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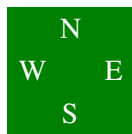
West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5NT
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

7 NT by North

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

isn't

too much to hope for.

He starts with a Gerber 4 and SOUTH shows three Aces.

Hmmm, 5 asks for Kings and SOUTH shows three.

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

slam and bids 7NT.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

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

4 NT by North

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 4NT. She could also happily play 5 ♣ but it

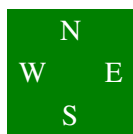would be tricky to get there. Very tricky.

Board 5
South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A Q 6
♥ K 7 3
♦ K 6
♣ K T 6 5 3

♠ J T 9 4
♥ A J T 8 2
♦ J 5 4
♣ 2

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      N
   W     E
      S
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♠ 8 3 2
♥ 5 4
♦ Q T 7 2
♣ J 9 8 4

♠ K 7 5
♥ Q 9 6
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ A Q 7

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

4 NT by North

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 6NT if SOUTH has 17,

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

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

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

Q

were changed to the

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