

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

**♠ A K Q 9 8 3**  
**♥ 2**  
**♦ A K**  
**♣ K Q J 8**

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

**22**  
**6 6**  
**6**

N      **♠ 6 5**  
W      **♥ J 9 6**  
E      **♦ J 7 6 4**  
S      **♣ A 10 9 6**

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	<b>2 ♣</b>	Pass	<b>2 ♦</b>
Pass	<b>2 ♠</b>	Pass	<b>3 ♠</b>
Pass	<b>4 NT</b>	Pass	<b>5 ♣</b>
Pass	<b>5 ♠</b>	Pass	Pass
Pass			
5 ♠ by North			

**Deal 2**

West Deals

None Vul

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

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



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

EAST makes a positive 3

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response to WEST's 2â™£ opener.

This promises at least 8 points and a 5-card suit with two or more honors.

WEST only needs to know one thing - how many Aces in the EAST hand.

A Blackwood 4 NT tells her the answer is one, so she bids 6

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**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ J 10 6 4 2

♥ A 10 7 3

♦ 10 7 3

♣ 8

**18**  
5 1  
**16**



West      North      East      South

Pass      4 ♣      Pass      4 ♣  
 Pass      6 NT      Pass      Pass

Pass  
 6 NT by South

When SOUTH opens 1 NT, point-count alone tells NORTH that 6 NT can surely be made.

SOUTH is bound to hold at least two Aces. But NORTH doesn't want to miss a Grand slam.

NORTH bids 4 $\hat{A}$  (Gerber), and SOUTH admits to just two Aces.

So NORTH settles for the small slam.

**Deal 4**

East Deals	♠ 8 7
None Vul	♥ 10 8
	♦ J 8 4 2
	♣ J 7 6 5 4

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



2	♠ 10
22 12	♥ Q 9 6 2
4	♦ 10 9 6 5
	♣ Q 10 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥		Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
7 NT	Pass		Pass
7 NT by West			

WEST has a powerhouse and knows she will reach a slam somewhere. When EAST

supports the ♠'s, it seems she has found her spot.

Blackwood tells her that EAST has two Aces.

She can see there are 12 tricks available and decides to take a chance that

EAST will have a thirteenth trick somewhere among his opening hand points.

She bids 7 NT.