

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 7
♥ Q J T 8 3
♦ A 8
♣ 7 5 3

♠ 6
♥ K 4
♦ K J 9 7 4
♣ A Q J 9 2

N
W
E
S

♠ Q J 8 4 3 2
♥ A 9 6 5 2
♦ 2
♣ 6

♠ A K 5
♥ 7
♦ Q T 6 5 3
♣ K T 8 4

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

5♦ by South

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NORTH thinks slam may be possible, so she uses Blackwood.

And that's what Blackwood is really good for -
keeping you out of slams when you are
missing two Aces!

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 5

♥ 7 3

♦ 9 8 4 2

♣ K J T 9 2

♠ A Q J 7 3

♥ A J 8 6

♦ 5 3

♣ 8 7


 ♠ 9 8 6 2
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ K Q J T
 ♣ Q 6 3

 ♠ K 4
 ♥ K Q T 9 5
 ♦ A 7 6
 ♣ A 5 4

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass		.	

6♥ by South

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SOUTH knows NORTH has at least five and they might provide discards for two or three

of her minor suit losers.

She tries Blackwood and, sure enough, NORTH comes through with two Aces.

Even with all the Aces SOUTH knows there are not enough points for Grand,

so she bids 6

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 9 8

♥ 6

♦ K T 8 7 3 2

♣ 7 3

♠ K 5 3

♥ A T 9 5 2

♦ A 9 4

♣ A 4



♠ T 7 4

♥ 8 4 3

♦ Q J 5

♣ 8 6 5 2

♠ A 6 2

♥ K Q J 7

♦ 6

♣ K Q J T 9

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

7♥ by South

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

With two Kings, SOUTH would bid 6

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

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

supply five tricks so she bids 7

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 3

♥ K 3

♦ 8 7 4 3

♣ 9 5 4 2

♠ 8 7

♥ Q 9 7 4

♦ K Q 5

♣ A T 8 3



♠ T 6 4 2

♥ T 8

♦ A J T 9 2

♣ 7 6

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥

All Pass

5♥ by South

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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

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

K situation.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8
♥ 9 6 3
♦ T 9 5 4 3
♣ T 8 5

♠ A J 6

♥ K 5

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ A 9 7 4



♠ T 9 7 5 3
♥ T
♦ J 8 7
♣ Q J 6 2

♠ K 4 2
♥ A Q J 8 7 4 2
♦ K
♣ K 3

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

7NT by South

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

s. He chooses to temporize with a 1

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

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

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

Board 6

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J T 7 2
♥ J 6 5 3 2
♦ 7 6 4
♣ 3

♠ A K

♥ K Q 4

♦ K Q J 3

♣ K Q J 5

N
W
E
S

♠ 9 8 5 4
♥ 9 8
♦ A T 8
♣ 9 7 4 2

♠ Q 6 3
♥ A T 7
♦ 9 5 2
♣ A T 8 6

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

6 NT by North

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SOUTH responds 2NT, 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

4NT in this situation would not be Blackwood.

When SOUTH shows two Aces NORTH bids 6NT.