

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9 6 3 2  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ -  
 ♣ Q J T 9 4 3

♠ A K

♥ K 9 4 2

♦ K Q J T 5 4

♣ 8

	N	♠ T 7 5
W		♥ 7 5
	E	♦ A 9 8 7 2
S		♣ K 6 2

♠ 8 4  
 ♥ A J T 8 6 3  
 ♦ 6 3  
 ♣ A 7 5

West	North	East	South
			2♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

Baker Blackwood 5

Partner opens a Weak 2-bid and catches you with a blockbuster. The only thing you want to know about his hand now is how many Aces he has. So you bid 4NT. Partner answers 5♥. What do you bid?

That makes it simple, with 2 Aces you bid a confident 6♥. If he had 1 Ace you would have bid an also confident 5♥. If he had zero Aces you would have been in a spot of trouble. And if he had 3 Aces you would have asked him how he could open a Weak-2 with that many points.

**Board 2**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 3 2

♥ 6 4 3

♦ J 7 4

♣ A T 8 2

♠ K 5

♥ A 9 8 5

♦ A Q

♣ K Q J 5 4

N
W
E
S

♠ Q J T 4

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 5 3 2

♣ 9 7 6

♠ A 9 8 6

♥ K Q J T

♦ K T 8 6

♣ 3

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

6♥ by South

**Baker Blackwood 6**

You MIGHT say that with 13 points and partner controlling the ♣s you could jump to 2NT, "To show you my points, partner." You might say it but you won't because your first priority is to look for a Major suit fit. You bid 1♥ (skipping ♦s with the two Majors). Partner now jumps to 4♥. What do you say?

Partner says you can make game even if you have a minimum 6 points. So he must have about 20. So you think you can make slam and you bid 4NT. Partner answers 5♥. What do you bid?

Partner shows 2 Aces so you bid 6♥.

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ A K

♥ K T

♦ K Q J 9 4

♣ K T 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ Q T 6  
♥ A Q 5  
♦ T 8 7  
♣ A Q 5 2

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6NT		

6NT by North

Baker Blackwood 7  
You dealt this hand.

You have 20 points and it would not be terrible to open 2NT. However, strictly speaking you shouldn't open 2NT with two doubletons. So you open 1♦. Partner responds with a jump to 2NT. What do you bid?

With partner's 13-15 added onto your 20, bidding 6NT would be a reasonable bid. However, it costs nothing to check for Aces first, so you bid 4♣. (Everybody agrees this is Gerber, right?) Partner answers 4♠. What do you bid?

Easy, missing one Ace you bid 6NT.

**Board 4**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 6 5

♥ 9 8 7 3 2

♦ Q 7 3

♣ 7 2

♠ A Q J 8 7 3

♥ 6

♦ T 8 6

♣ A 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 4

♥ J 4

♦ J 9 5 4 2

♣ T 9 8 5 4

♠ T 9 2

♥ A K Q T 5

♦ A K

♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	6NT
Pass			

6NT by South

Baker Blackwood 8  
You dealt this hand.

With 13 points and a good Major suit you naturally open 1♠. Partner responds 3♥. What do you bid next?

We are playing strong jump-shifts by Responder so partner is showing 17+ points. However, you are still stuck with your minimum opening so you just rebid 3♠. Partner bids 4NT. What is your reply?

He asks for Aces so you bid 5♥ showing 2. He now bids 5NT. What do you say?

You have no King. So you reply 6♣ and partner bids 6NT (safer than 6♠).