

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9 8 5

♥ J 7 6 4

♦ T

♣ T 3 2

♠ A 7

♥ K 3

♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2

♣ 7 6



♠ T 4 3

♥ Q 8 5 2

♦ 6 5

♣ Q J 9 5

♠ K 6 2

♥ A T 9

♦ A K 3

♣ A K 8 4

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

7NT by North

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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 2

South Deals

None Vul

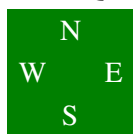
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♥ A T 8 5 4
♦ J 7 6
♣ 4 2

♠ J 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ A K Q T 9 6



♠ 6 5 4 3 2

♥ 9 3

♦ A T 9 4 2

♣ 3

♠ A K Q

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ J 8 7 5

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

4NT by North

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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.

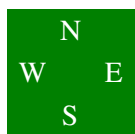
Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J T 9 4
♥ A J T 8 2
♦ J 5 4
♣ 2

♠ A Q 6
♥ K 7 3
♦ K 6
♣ K T 6 5 3



♠ 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
Pass	4NT	All Pass	1NT

4 NT by North

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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.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
♥ T 9 8 3 2
♦ Q 9 7 5
♣ 9 7 3

♠ K Q J 4
♥ K 6
♦ K 4
♣ K Q J T 5



♠ T 9 5 3
♥ A 5 4
♦ T 8 6 2
♣ 6 4

♠ A 8 7 6
♥ Q J 7
♦ A J 3
♣ A 8 2

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

6NT by North

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When SOUTH opens 1NT NORTH hopes his hand includes all four Aces so she can bid 7NT.

So she uses Gerber to find out.

But, when she discovers they are missing an Ace she settles for 6NT.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q T 6 4 3

♥ 2

♦ 9 5 4 2

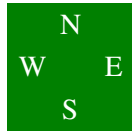
♣ Q 9 8

♠ 9 7 2

♥ K J 5 3

♦ K 7

♣ 7 6 4 2



♠ J 8 5

♥ 8 7 4

♦ T 8 6

♣ J T 5 3

♠ A K

♥ A Q T 9 6

♦ A Q J 3

♣ A K

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥	Pass	7NT
Pass			
7NT by South			

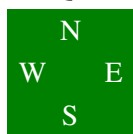
Board 6

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 9 5 4 3
 ♥ Q J 8 7 6 5
 ♦ -
 ♣ 9 4

♠ K 7
 ♥ K 9
 ♦ A Q J T 4
 ♣ A Q J 7



♠ Q J 8
 ♥ 3 2
 ♦ 9 8 6 3 2
 ♣ T 5 3

♠ A 6 2
 ♥ A T 4
 ♦ K 7 5
 ♣ K 8 6 2

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

7NT by North

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NORTH is just shy of a 2 opening bid, and when SOUTH shows 13-15 points NORTH

wants to be in a slam.

NORTH cannot use Blackwood because 4NT would be a natural invitation, but with SOUTH's latest bid

being 2NT he can use Gerber.

Two Major Aces and two Minor Kings fill the holes in NORTH's hand so he bids 7NT.