

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T
♥ A T 8 3
♦ 7 6 5 4 3
♣ A 9 6

♠ A K Q 9 8 3

♥ 2

♦ A K

♣ K Q J 8

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♠ 6 5
♥ J 9 7 6
♦ Q J T 9
♣ T 4 2

♠ J 7 4 2
♥ K Q 5 4
♦ 8 2
♣ 7 5 3

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

5 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 7 1
SOUTH's 3rd supporting bid is enough to convince NORTH to make a slam try.

NORTH bids Blackwood 4NT. If SOUTH shows one Ace NORTH plans to bid 6 but

when SOUTH bids 5 NORTH settles for 5

Board 2

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 6 4

♥ K J 9

♦ A K Q J 9

♣ K Q

♠ T 8 2

♥ 7 5 4 2

♦ 6 4

♣ A 6 3 2



♠ K Q 9 7 5

♥ 3

♦ 8 7 5 2

♣ 9 8 5

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

6♥ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set 7 2

EAST makes a positive 3

response to WEST's 2 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 4NT tells her the answer is one, so she bids 6

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 8 3 2

♥ T 7 3

♦ J 9 3 2

♣ 6 4

♠ K Q

♥ K 6

♦ A 4

♣ K Q J 9 7 3 2

	N	
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♠ T 6 5 4

♥ A 9 8 5

♦ T 7 5

♣ T 8

♠ A 9 7

♥ Q J 4 2

♦ K Q 8 6

♣ A 5

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

6 NT by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set 3

When SOUTH opens 1NT, point-count alone tells NORTH that 6NT 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 (Gerber), and SOUTH admits to just two Aces.

So NORTH settles for the small slam.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K Q 6 4 3

♥ K 5

♦ K 7 3

♣ A K

♠ T 7

♥ Q T 2

♦ J 6 5 2

♣ J 6 4 3



♠ J 9 5 2

♥ A J 7 4 3

♦ A Q

♣ 9 8

♠ 8
♥ 9 8 6
♦ T 9 8 4
♣ Q T 7 5 2

West	North	East	South
		1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

7NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set 7 4

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

supports the ♠ 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 7NT.

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 8 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 5 4

♣ A 9 4 3 2

♠ J 7 3

♥ A J T 9 8

♦ 8 3 2

♣ Q 8



♠ T 5 4

♥ 4 3

♦ A T 9 7 6

♣ T 7 5

♠ A K 2

♥ K Q 6 5

♦ K Q J

♣ K J 6

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

All Pass

5♥ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 7 5
SOUTH is tempted to go right to 6

when she hears NORTH's positive

response. BUT, she should use Blackwood first.

It's good thing she did because NORTH admits to only one Ace - they are missing two Aces.