

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4
♥ Q 6 3 2
♦ A 8
♣ 7 6 3

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8 6
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♠ 6
♥ K 4
♦ K J 9 7 4
♣ A Q J 9 2

♠ J 10 8 3 2
♥ A J 10 9 8 5
♦ 2
♣ 5

♠ A K 5
♥ 7
♦ Q 10 6 5 3
♣ K 10 8 4

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

5 ♦ by North

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!

Deal 2
 West Deals
 None Vul
 ♠ 9 8 6 2
 ♥ 7 4
 ♦ Q J 4 2
 ♣ K J 3

♠ A Q J 7 3
 ♥ A J 8 6
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ 8 7

12 7
 16 5
 ♠ 10 5
 ♥ 3 2
 ♦ K 10 9 8
 ♣ Q 10 9 6 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
6 ♥ by East			

N
 W E
 S

♠ K 4
 ♥ K Q 10 9 5
 ♦ A 7 6
 ♣ A 5 4

EAST knows WEST has at least five ♠'s, and they might provide discards for two or three

of her minor suit losers.

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

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

so she bids 6

♦ A

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Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

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

16	3 6	15
♦ A 9 4		
♣ A 4		

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



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

With two Kings, NORTH would bid 6

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

Knowing the 5 NT bid guarantees all four Aces, NORTH figures her â™£ suit will

supply five tricks so she bids 7

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Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K Q 5
 ♥ A J 6 5 2
 ♦ 6
 ♣ K Q J

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20 11
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♠ J 6 2
 ♥ K 10 8 3
 ♦ J 7 3 2
 ♣ 9 2



♠ 8 7
 ♥ Q 9 7 4
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ A 10 8 3

♠ 10 9 4 3
 ♥ —
 ♦ A 10 9 8 4
 ♣ 7 6 5 4

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

WEST thinks there might be slam if EAST holds both minor Aces, so he tries Blackwood.

When EAST shows just one Ace WEST is afraid he will have a trump loser as well, so

he stops at 5

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

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K situation.

Deal 5

North Deals	♠ A J 6
None Vul	♥ K 5
	♦ A Q 6 2
	♣ A 9 7 4
♠ Q 10 9 8 5	♠ 7 3
♥ 9 6 3	♥ 10
♦ 7 3	♦ J 10 9 8 5 4
♣ 10 6 2	♣ Q J 8 5

18	♠ K 4 2
2 4	♥ A Q J 8 7 4 2
16	♦ K
	♣ K 3

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



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

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s. He chooses to temporize with a 1

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

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

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

Deal 6West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K
 ♥ K Q 4
 ♦ K Q J 3
 ♣ K Q J 5

5
 24 10
 1

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

W	N
S	E

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
6 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 NT by East			

EAST responds 2 NT, showing 8+ points with no 5-card suit.

WEST only needs to know how many Aces are in the EAST hand. He must use Gerber since

4 NT in this situation would not be Blackwood.

When EAST shows two Aces WEST bids 6 NT.

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6

♥ K 4

♦ K J 9 7 4

♣ A Q J 9 2

♠ Q 9 7 4

♥ Q 6 3 2

♦ A 8

♣ 7 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 8 3 2

♥ A J 10 9 8 5

♦ 2

♣ 5

♠ A K 5

♥ 7

♦ Q 10 6 5 3

♣ K 10 8 4

14
8 6
12

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♦ Q J 4 2

♣ K J 3

♠ A Q J 7 3

♥ A J 8 6

♦ 5 3

♣ 8 7

N
W E
S

♠ K 4
♥ K Q 10 9 5
♦ A 7 6
♣ A 5 4

♠ 10 5
♥ 3 2
♦ K 10 9 8
♣ Q 10 9 6 2

7
12 **16**
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Deal 9 ♠ A 6 2
North Deals ♥ K Q J 7
E-W Vul ♦ 6
 ♣ K Q J 10 9
♠ Q J 10 9 7 ♠ 8 4
♥ 6 4 3 ♥ 8
♦ 8 3 ♦ K Q J 10 7 5 2
♣ 7 5 2 ♣ 8 6 3

 ♠ K 5 3
 ♥ A 10 9 5 2
 ♦ A 9 4
 ♣ A 4



16
3 6
15

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 6 2

♥ K 10 8 3

♦ J 7 3 2

♣ 9 2

♠ A K Q 5

♥ A J 6 5 2

♦ 6

♣ K Q J

N
W E
S

♠ 8 7

♥ Q 9 7 4

♦ K Q 5

♣ A 10 8 3

♠ 10 9 4 3

♥ —

♦ A 10 9 8 4

♣ 7 6 5 4

5
20 11
4

Deal 11

South Deals	♠ A J 6
None Vul	♥ K 5
	♦ A Q 6 2
	♣ A 9 7 4
♠ Q 10 9 8 5	♠ 7 3
♥ 9 6 3	♥ 10
♦ 7 3	♦ J 10 9 8 5 4
♣ 10 6 2	♣ Q J 8 5
18	♠ K 4 2
2 4	♥ A Q J 8 7 4 2
16	♦ K
	♣ K 3

N
W E
S

Deal 12West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ J 10 5
♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ A 10 7 6
♣ 4 3

♠ A K
♥ K Q 4
♦ K Q J 3
♣ K Q J 5

5
24 10
1

N
W E
S

♠ Q 6 3
♥ A 10 7
♦ 9 5 2
♣ A 10 8 6

♠ 9 8 7 4 2
♥ J 8 5
♦ 8 4
♣ 9 7 2

Deal 13

North Deals ♠ 6
Both Vul ♥ K 4
 ♦ K J 9 7 4
 ♣ A Q J 9 2

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

N
W E
S

14
8 6
12

♠ A K 5

♥ 7
♦ Q 10 6 5 3
♣ K 10 8 4

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 2

♥ 7 4

♦ Q J 4 2

♣ K J 3

♠ A Q J 7 3

♥ A J 8 6

♦ 5 3

♣ 8 7



♠ K 4
♥ K Q 10 9 5
♦ A 7 6
♣ A 5 4

♠ 10 5
♥ 3 2
♦ K 10 9 8
♣ Q 10 9 6 2

7
12 16
5

Deal 15

South Deals	♠ A 6 2
N-S Vul	♥ K Q J 7
	♦ 6
	♣ K Q J 10 9
♠ Q J 10 9 7	♠ 8 4
♥ 6 4 3	♥ 8
♦ 8 3	♦ K Q J 10 7 5 2
♣ 7 5 2	♣ 8 6 3
16 3 6 15	♠ K 5 3 ♥ A 10 9 5 2 ♦ A 9 4 ♣ A 4



Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 6 2

♥ K 10 8 3

♦ J 7 3 2

♣ 9 2

♠ A K Q 5

♥ A J 6 5 2

♦ 6

♣ K Q J

♠ 8 7

♥ Q 9 7 4

♦ K Q 5

♣ A 10 8 3



♠ 10 9 4 3

♥ —

♦ A 10 9 8 4

♣ 7 6 5 4

5

20 11

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Deal 17

North Deals	♠ A J 6
None Vul	♥ K 5
	♦ A Q 6 2
	♣ A 9 7 4
♠ Q 10 9 8 5	♠ 7 3
♥ 9 6 3	♥ 10
♦ 7 3	♦ J 10 9 8 5 4
♣ 10 6 2	♣ Q J 8 5
18	♠ K 4 2
2 4	♥ A Q J 8 7 4 2
16	♦ K
	♣ K 3

N
W E
S

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 10 5

♥ 9 6 3 2

♦ A 10 7 6

♣ 4 3

♠ A K

♥ K Q 4

♦ K Q J 3

♣ K Q J 5

W N E
S

♠ Q 6 3

♥ A 10 7

♦ 9 5 2

♣ A 10 8 6

♠ 9 8 7 4 2

24 5 10
1

♥ J 8 5

♦ 8 4

♣ 9 7 2

Deal 19

South Deals ♠ 6
E-W Vul ♥ K 4
 ♦ K J 9 7 4
 ♣ A Q J 9 2

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

N
W E
S

14
8 6
12

♠ A K 5

♥ 7
♦ Q 10 6 5 3
♣ K 10 8 4

Deal 20 ♠ 9 8 6 2

West Deals ♥ 7 4

Both Vul ♦ Q J 4 2

♣ K J 3

♠ A Q J 7 3

♥ A J 8 6

♦ 5 3

♣ 8 7

N
W E
S

♠ K 4

♥ K Q 10 9 5

♦ A 7 6

♣ A 5 4

♠ 10 5

♥ 3 2

♦ K 10 9 8

♣ Q 10 9 6 2

7
12 16
5

Deal 21 ♠ A 6 2
North Deals ♥ K Q J 7
N-S Vul ♦ 6
 ♣ K Q J 10 9
♠ Q J 10 9 7 ♠ 8 4
♥ 6 4 3 ♥ 8
♦ 8 3 ♦ K Q J 10 7 5 2
♣ 7 5 2 ♣ 8 6 3

16
3 6
15



♠ K 5 3
♥ A 10 9 5 2
♦ A 9 4
♣ A 4

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 6 2

♥ K 10 8 3

♦ J 7 3 2

♣ 9 2

♠ A K Q 5

♥ A J 6 5 2

♦ 6

♣ K Q J

♠ 8 7

♥ Q 9 7 4

♦ K Q 5

♣ A 10 8 3



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20 11

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♠ 10 9 4 3

♥ —

♦ A 10 9 8 4

♣ 7 6 5 4

Deal 23

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



18
2 4
16
♠ K 4 2
♥ A Q J 8 7 4 2
♦ K
♣ K 3

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 5

♥ 9 6 3 2

♦ A 10 7 6

♣ 4 3

♠ A K

♥ K Q 4

♦ K Q J 3

♣ K Q J 5

♠ Q 6 3

♥ A 10 7

♦ 9 5 2

♣ A 10 8 6



♠ 9 8 7 4 2
♥ J 8 5
♦ 8 4
♣ 9 7 2

5
24 10
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Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6

♥ K 4

♦ K J 9 7 4

♣ A Q J 9 2

♠ Q 9 7 4

♥ Q 6 3 2

♦ A 8

♣ 7 6 3

W N E S

♠ J 10 8 3 2

♥ A J 10 9 8 5

♦ 2

♣ 5

14
8 6
12♠ A K 5
♥ 7
♦ Q 10 6 5 3
♣ K 10 8 4

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 8 6 2

♥ 7 4

♦ Q J 4 2

♣ K J 3

♠ A Q J 7 3

♥ A J 8 6

♦ 5 3

♣ 8 7



♠ K 4

♥ K Q 10 9 5

♦ A 7 6

♣ A 5 4

♠ 10 5

♥ 3 2

♦ K 10 9 8

♣ Q 10 9 6 2

7
12 16
5

Deal 27 ♠ A 6 2
South Deals ♥ K Q J 7
None Vul ♦ 6
 ♣ K Q J 10 9
♠ Q J 10 9 7 ♠ 8 4
♥ 6 4 3 ♥ 8
♦ 8 3 ♦ K Q J 10 7 5 2
♣ 7 5 2 ♣ 8 6 3

16
3 6
15

N
W E
S

♠ K 5 3
♥ A 10 9 5 2
♦ A 9 4
♣ A 4

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 6 2

♥ K 10 8 3

♦ J 7 3 2

♣ 9 2

♠ A K Q 5

♥ A J 6 5 2

♦ 6

♣ K Q J

♠ 8 7

♥ Q 9 7 4

♦ K Q 5

♣ A 10 8 3



♠ 10 9 4 3

♥ —

♦ A 10 9 8 4

♣ 7 6 5 4

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20 11
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Deal 29 ♠ A J 6

North Deals

♥ K 5

Both Vul

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ A 9 7 4

♠ Q 10 9 8 5

♥ 9 6 3

♦ 7 3

♣ 10 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ 7 3

♥ 10

♦ J 10 9 8 5 4

♣ Q J 8 5

♠ K 4 2

♥ A Q J 8 7 4 2

♦ K

♣ K 3

18
2 4
16

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 5

♥ 9 6 3 2

♦ A 10 7 6

♣ 4 3

♠ A K

♥ K Q 4

♦ K Q J 3

♣ K Q J 5

N
W E
S

♠ Q 6 3

♥ A 10 7

♦ 9 5 2

♣ A 10 8 6

♠ 9 8 7 4 2

24 5 10

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♥ J 8 5

♦ 8 4

♣ 9 7 2

Deal 31

South Deals ♠ 6
N-S Vul ♥ K 4
♦ K J 9 7 4
♣ A Q J 9 2

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

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W E
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14
8 6
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♠ A K 5

♥ 7
♦ Q 10 6 5 3
♣ K 10 8 4

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♦ Q J 4 2

♣ K J 3

♠ A Q J 7 3

♥ A J 8 6

♦ 5 3

♣ 8 7



♠ K 4
♥ K Q 10 9 5
♦ A 7 6
♣ A 5 4

♠ 10 5
♥ 3 2
♦ K 10 9 8
♣ Q 10 9 6 2

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12 16
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Deal 33 ♠ A 6 2
North Deals ♥ K Q J 7
None Vul ♦ 6
 ♣ K Q J 10 9
♠ Q J 10 9 7 ♠ 8 4
♥ 6 4 3 ♥ 8
♦ 8 3 ♦ K Q J 10 7 5 2
♣ 7 5 2 ♣ 8 6 3

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

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 6 2
♥ K 10 8 3
♦ J 7 3 2
♣ 9 2

♠ A K Q 5
♥ A J 6 5 2
♦ 6
♣ K Q J

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20 11
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W E
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♠ 8 7
♥ Q 9 7 4
♦ K Q 5
♣ A 10 8 3

♠ 10 9 4 3
♥ —
♦ A 10 9 8 4
♣ 7 6 5 4

Deal 35

South Deals ♠ A J 6
E-W Vul ♥ K 5
 ♦ A Q 6 2
 ♣ A 9 7 4
♠ Q 10 9 8 5 ♠ 7 3
♥ 9 6 3 ♥ 10
♦ 7 3 ♦ J 10 9 8 5 4
♣ 10 6 2 ♣ Q J 8 5



18
2 4
16
♠ K 4 2
♥ A Q J 8 7 4 2
♦ K
♣ K 3

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 10 5

♥ 9 6 3 2

♦ A 10 7 6

♣ 4 3

♠ A K

♥ K Q 4

♦ K Q J 3

♣ K Q J 5

W N E S

♠ Q 6 3

♥ A 10 7

♦ 9 5 2

♣ A 10 8 6

5
24 10
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♣ 9 7 2

♠ 9 8 7 4 2

♥ J 8 5

♦ 8 4

♣ 9 7 2