

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 2
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ 9 3 2
 ♣ A Q 9 8 2

17
 8 7
 8

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A 9 8 6 4

♥ A K Q

♦ 7

♣ K J 6 3



♠ K 7 5 3

♥ J 8 7

♦ A 8 6 5

♣ 7 4

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

Pass

NORTH may have a good hand but SOUTH merely gave a simple raise.

Even if SOUTH has a maximum there won't be a slam.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 5 3
 ♥ 10 9 4 2
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ K J 4

7
 10 16
 7

West

3 ♥

4 ♦

Pass

6 ♥ by East

♠ K 9 8 2

♥ A

♦ 10 9 6 5 3

♣ 7 3 2

W N
 S E

♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ 7 5

♦ Q 7 4

♣ 10 9 8

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4 ♣

6 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

EAST has a tough decision after the two Control-showing bids.

If he uses Blackwood and WEST shows two Aces he will be no better off, because he won't know if one

of the Aces is the useless \hat{a}^{TM} A. Based on knowing that WEST holds the

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

A,

he bids 6

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, hoping that he can at least make that and that 7 isn't a laydown!

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 6

♣ J 10 9 2

10
3 6
21

♠ A 7

♥ K 3

♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2

♣ 7 6



♠ Q J 5

♥ J 7 5 4 2

♦ 10 5

♣ Q 5 3

♠ K 6 2

♥ A 10 9

♦ A K 3

♣ A K 8 4

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

2 NT

Pass

5 ♣

Pass

4 NT

Pass

7 NT

Pass

5 NT

Pass

7 NT by South

NORTH isn't sure just how much he can make, but surely 6

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isn't

too much to hope for.

He starts with a Gerber 4â™¦ and SOUTH shows three Aces.

Hmmm, 5â™¦ asks for Kings and SOUTH shows three.

Hmm, NORTH can now count all thirteen tricks, so he forgets about the

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slam and bids 7 NT.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K Q
♥ K Q 6
♦ K Q 3
♣ J 8 7 5

5
20 11
4

West

2 NT

4 ♥

Pass

4 NT by West

♠ 10 9 4
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ A J 9 7
♣ 4 3



♠ 7 6 5 3 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ 10 6 4 2
♣ 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

4 ♣

4 NT

South

Pass

Pass

♠ J 8
♥ J 7 2
♦ 8 5
♣ A K Q 10 9 6

EAST 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 4 NT. She could also happily play 5^{â™}£, but it

would be tricky to get there. Very tricky.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 8 3

♥ J 10 8

♦ J 5

♣ J 8 2

15
4 6
15

West

Pass

4 NT by North

♠ K 7 5

♥ Q 9 6

♦ A 9 8 3

♣ A Q 7

♠ A Q 6

♥ K 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ K 10 6 5 3

North

1 NT

Pass

♠ 4 2

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 7 4 2

♣ 9 4

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 NT



Yes, this has nothing to do with Gerber or Blackwood, but everything to do with smart bidding.

SOUTH has a 16 points and NORTH has 15, 16 or 17. SOUTH wants to be in 6 NT if NORTH has 17,

but merely a Notrump game if she has 15 or 16.

The way to find out is to bid 4 NT - not Blackwood but merely an invitation to bid 6 NT.

In this case, NORTH has but 15 points and declines the invitation. If her

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Q

were changed to the

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A she would bid 6 NT and collect her twelve easy tricks.

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 2
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A Q 9 8 2

17
8 7
8

♠ A 9 8 6 4
♥ A K Q
♦ 7
♣ K J 6 3



♠ K 7 5 3
♥ J 8 7
♦ A 8 6 5
♣ 7 4

♠ J 10
♥ 10 5 4 3
♦ K Q J 10 4
♣ 10 5

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 10 9 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ K J 4

7
10 16
7

♠ K 9 8 2
♥ A
♦ 10 9 6 5 3
♣ 7 3 2



♠ A J 10 6 4
♥ 7 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ 10 9 8

♠ —
♥ K Q J 8 6 3
♦ K J 2
♣ A Q 6 5

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 6

♣ J 10 9 2

10
3 6
21

♠ A 7

♥ K 3

♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2

♣ 7 6



♠ K 6 2

♥ A 10 9

♦ A K 3

♣ A K 8 4

♠ Q J 5

♥ J 7 5 4 2

♦ 10 5

♣ Q 5 3

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K Q

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ J 8 7 5

5
20 11
4

♠ 10 9 4

♥ 10 8 4 3

♦ A J 9 7

♣ 4 3



♠ J 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ A K Q 10 9 6

♠ 7 6 5 3 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ 10 6 4 2

♣ 2

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 10 9 8 3

♥ J 10 8

♦ J 5

♣ J 8 2

15
4 6
15

♠ K 7 5

♥ Q 9 6

♦ A 9 8 3

♣ A Q 7



♠ A Q 6

♥ K 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ K 10 6 5 3

♠ 4 2

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 7 4 2

♣ 9 4

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 2
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A Q 9 8 2

17
8 7
8

♠ A 9 8 6 4
♥ A K Q
♦ 7
♣ K J 6 3



♠ K 7 5 3
♥ J 8 7
♦ A 8 6 5
♣ 7 4

♠ J 10
♥ 10 5 4 3
♦ K Q J 10 4
♣ 10 5

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 10 9 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ K J 4

7
10 16
7

♠ K 9 8 2
♥ A
♦ 10 9 6 5 3
♣ 7 3 2



♠ A J 10 6 4
♥ 7 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ 10 9 8

♠ —
♥ K Q J 8 6 3
♦ K J 2
♣ A Q 6 5

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 6

♣ J 10 9 2

10
3 6
21

♠ A 7

♥ K 3

♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2

♣ 7 6



♠ K 6 2

♥ A 10 9

♦ A K 3

♣ A K 8 4

♠ Q J 5

♥ J 7 5 4 2

♦ 10 5

♣ Q 5 3

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ J 8 7 5

5
20 11
4

♠ 10 9 4

♥ 10 8 4 3

♦ A J 9 7

♣ 4 3



♠ J 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ A K Q 10 9 6

♠ 7 6 5 3 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ 10 6 4 2

♣ 2

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 10 9 8 3

♥ J 10 8

♦ J 5

♣ J 8 2

15
4 6

15

♠ K 7 5

♥ Q 9 6

♦ A 9 8 3

♣ A Q 7



♠ A Q 6

♥ K 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ K 10 6 5 3

♠ 4 2

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 7 4 2

♣ 9 4

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 2
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A Q 9 8 2

17
8 7
8

♠ A 9 8 6 4
♥ A K Q
♦ 7
♣ K J 6 3



♠ K 7 5 3
♥ J 8 7
♦ A 8 6 5
♣ 7 4

♠ J 10
♥ 10 5 4 3
♦ K Q J 10 4
♣ 10 5

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 10 9 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ K J 4

7
10 16
7

♠ K 9 8 2
♥ A
♦ 10 9 6 5 3
♣ 7 3 2



♠ A J 10 6 4
♥ 7 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ 10 9 8

♠ —
♥ K Q J 8 6 3
♦ K J 2
♣ A Q 6 5

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 6

♣ J 10 9 2

10
3 6
21

♠ A 7

♥ K 3

♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2

♣ 7 6



♠ K 6 2

♥ A 10 9

♦ A K 3

♣ A K 8 4

♠ Q J 5

♥ J 7 5 4 2

♦ 10 5

♣ Q 5 3

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K Q

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ J 8 7 5

5
20 11
4

♠ 10 9 4

♥ 10 8 4 3

♦ A J 9 7

♣ 4 3



♠ J 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ A K Q 10 9 6

♠ 7 6 5 3 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ 10 6 4 2

♣ 2

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 10 9 8 3

♥ J 10 8

♦ J 5

♣ J 8 2

15
4 6
15

♠ K 7 5

♥ Q 9 6

♦ A 9 8 3

♣ A Q 7



♠ A Q 6

♥ K 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ K 10 6 5 3

♠ 4 2

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 7 4 2

♣ 9 4

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 2
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A Q 9 8 2

17
8 7
8

♠ A 9 8 6 4
♥ A K Q
♦ 7
♣ K J 6 3



♠ K 7 5 3
♥ J 8 7
♦ A 8 6 5
♣ 7 4

♠ J 10
♥ 10 5 4 3
♦ K Q J 10 4
♣ 10 5

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 10 9 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ K J 4

7
10 16
7

♠ K 9 8 2
♥ A
♦ 10 9 6 5 3
♣ 7 3 2



♠ A J 10 6 4
♥ 7 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ 10 9 8

♠ —
♥ K Q J 8 6 3
♦ K J 2
♣ A Q 6 5

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 6

♣ J 10 9 2

10

3 6

21

♠ A 7

♥ K 3

♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2

♣ 7 6



♠ K 6 2

♥ A 10 9

♦ A K 3

♣ A K 8 4

♠ Q J 5

♥ J 7 5 4 2

♦ 10 5

♣ Q 5 3

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ J 8 7 5

5
20 11
4

♠ 10 9 4

♥ 10 8 4 3

♦ A J 9 7

♣ 4 3



♠ J 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ A K Q 10 9 6

♠ 7 6 5 3 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ 10 6 4 2

♣ 2

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 10 9 8 3

♥ J 10 8

♦ J 5

♣ J 8 2

15
4 6
15

♠ K 7 5

♥ Q 9 6

♦ A 9 8 3

♣ A Q 7



♠ A Q 6

♥ K 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ K 10 6 5 3

♠ 4 2

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 7 4 2

♣ 9 4

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 2
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A Q 9 8 2

17
8 7
8

♠ A 9 8 6 4
♥ A K Q
♦ 7
♣ K J 6 3



♠ K 7 5 3
♥ J 8 7
♦ A 8 6 5
♣ 7 4

♠ J 10
♥ 10 5 4 3
♦ K Q J 10 4
♣ 10 5

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 10 9 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ K J 4

7
10 16
7

♠ K 9 8 2
♥ A
♦ 10 9 6 5 3
♣ 7 3 2



♠ A J 10 6 4
♥ 7 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ 10 9 8

♠ —
♥ K Q J 8 6 3
♦ K J 2
♣ A Q 6 5

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 6

♣ J 10 9 2

10
3 6
21

♠ A 7

♥ K 3

♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2

♣ 7 6



♠ K 6 2

♥ A 10 9

♦ A K 3

♣ A K 8 4

♠ Q J 5

♥ J 7 5 4 2

♦ 10 5

♣ Q 5 3

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K Q

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ J 8 7 5

5
20 11
4

♠ 10 9 4

♥ 10 8 4 3

♦ A J 9 7

♣ 4 3



♠ J 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ A K Q 10 9 6

♠ 7 6 5 3 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ 10 6 4 2

♣ 2

Deal 30
East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 9 8 3
♥ J 10 8
♦ J 5
♣ J 8 2

15
4 6
15

♠ K 7 5
♥ Q 9 6
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ A Q 7



♠ A Q 6
♥ K 7 3
♦ K 6
♣ K 10 6 5 3

♠ 4 2
♥ A 5 4 2
♦ Q 10 7 4 2
♣ 9 4

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 2
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A Q 9 8 2

17
8 7
8

♠ A 9 8 6 4

♥ A K Q

♦ 7

♣ K J 6 3



♠ K 7 5 3

♥ J 8 7

♦ A 8 6 5

♣ 7 4

♠ J 10

♥ 10 5 4 3

♦ K Q J 10 4

♣ 10 5

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 10 9 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ K J 4

7
10 16
7

♠ K 9 8 2
♥ A
♦ 10 9 6 5 3
♣ 7 3 2



♠ A J 10 6 4
♥ 7 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ 10 9 8

♠ —
♥ K Q J 8 6 3
♦ K J 2
♣ A Q 6 5

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 6

♣ J 10 9 2

10

3 6

21

♠ A 7

♥ K 3

♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2

♣ 7 6



♠ Q J 5

♥ J 7 5 4 2

♦ 10 5

♣ Q 5 3

♠ K 6 2

♥ A 10 9

♦ A K 3

♣ A K 8 4

Deal 34
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ A K Q
 ♥ K Q 6
 ♦ K Q 3
 ♣ J 8 7 5

5
 20 11
 4

♠ 10 9 4
 ♥ 10 8 4 3
 ♦ A J 9 7
 ♣ 4 3



♠ J 8
 ♥ J 7 2
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ A K Q 10 9 6

♠ 7 6 5 3 2
 ♥ A 9 5
 ♦ 10 6 4 2
 ♣ 2

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 10 9 8 3

♥ J 10 8

♦ J 5

♣ J 8 2

15
4 6
15

♠ K 7 5

♥ Q 9 6

♦ A 9 8 3

♣ A Q 7



♠ A Q 6

♥ K 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ K 10 6 5 3

♠ 4 2

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 7 4 2

♣ 9 4