

Deal 1

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

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

7 NT by North

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

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too much to hope for.

He starts with a Gerber 4â™£ and NORTH shows three Aces.

Hmmm, 5â™£ asks for Kings and NORTH shows three.

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

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slam and bids 7 NT.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 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



♠ A K Q J 8 7 5

♠ 10 9 4

♥ 10 8 4 3

♦ A J 9 7

♣ 4 3

West

North

East

South

4 11 20 5

4 ♣

Pass

4 NT

Pass

4 NT by East

♠ A K Q

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ J 8 7 5

WEST 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 3
South Deals
None Vul

	♠ A Q 6		
	♥ K 7 3		
	♦ K 6		
	♣ K 10 6 5 3		
♠ 4 2		♠ J 10 9 8 3	
♥ A 5 4 2	W N E	♥ J 10 8	
♦ Q 10 7 4 2	S	♦ J 5	
♣ 9 4		♣ J 8 2	
15 6 4 15	♠ K 7 5 ♥ Q 9 6 ♦ A 9 8 3 ♣ A Q 7		
West	North	East	South
Pass	4 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
4 NT by South			

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 6 NT if SOUTH 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, SOUTH has but 15 points and declines the invitation. If her

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were changed to the

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

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 7 6
 ♥ Q J 7
 ♦ A J 3
 ♣ A 8 2

♠ 10 9 5 3
 ♥ A 8 5 4
 ♦ 9 6
 ♣ 9 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J 4
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ K Q J 10 5

♠ 2
 4
 16 18
 2
 ♣ 7 4

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

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

So she uses Gerber to find out.

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