

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J T 4

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 5 3 2

♣ 9 7 6

♠ A 9 8 6

♥ K Q J T

♦ K T 8 6

♣ 3

	N	
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♠ 7 3 2

♥ 6 4 3

♦ J 7 4

♣ A T 8 2

♠ K 5

♥ A 9 8 5

♦ A Q

♣ K Q J 5 4

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

**Baker Blackwood 6**

You MIGHT say that with 13 points and partner controlling the ♣s you could jump to 2NT, "To show you my points, partner." You might say it but you won't because your first priority is to look for a Major suit fit. You bid 1♥ (skipping ♦s with the two Majors). Partner now jumps to 4♥. What do you say?

Partner says you can make game even if you have a minimum 6 points. So he must have about 20. So you think you can make slam and you bid 4NT. Partner answers 5♥. What do you bid?

Partner shows 2 Aces so you bid 6♥.

**Board 2**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K  
♥ K T  
♦ K Q J 9 4  
♣ K T 8 3

♠ J 9 8 7 2

♥ J 7 6

♦ 5 2

♣ J 6 4

	N	
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♠ Q T 6  
♥ A Q 5  
♦ T 8 7  
♣ A Q 5 2

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

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
6NT			

6NT by West

Baker Blackwood 7  
You dealt this hand.

You have 20 points and it would not be terrible to open 2NT. However, strictly speaking you shouldn't open 2NT with two doubletons. So you open 1♦. Partner responds with a jump to 2NT. What do you bid?

With partner's 13-15 added onto your 20, bidding 6NT would be a reasonable bid. However, it costs nothing to check for Aces first, so you bid 4♣. (Everybody agrees this is Gerber, right?) Partner answers 4♠. What do you bid?

Easy, missing one Ace you bid 6NT.

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 6 5

♥ 9 8 7 3 2

♦ Q 7 3

♣ 7 2

♠ A Q J 8 7 3

♥ 6

♦ T 8 6

♣ A 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 4

♥ J 4

♦ J 9 5 4 2

♣ T 9 8 5 4

♠ T 9 2

♥ A K Q T 5

♦ A K

♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	6NT
Pass			

6NT by South

Baker Blackwood 8  
You dealt this hand.

With 13 points and a good Major suit you naturally open 1♠. Partner responds 3♥. What do you bid next?

We are playing strong jump-shifts by Responder so partner is showing 17+ points. However, you are still stuck with your minimum opening so you just rebid 3♠. Partner bids 4NT. What is your reply?

He asks for Aces so you bid 5♥ showing 2. He now bids 5NT. What do you say?

You have no King. So you reply 6♣ and partner bids 6NT (safer than 6♠).

**Board 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

**♠ 6 4 2****♥ A Q 9 7 4 2****♦ -****♣ 8 5 4 2****♠ Q J T 8 7 5 3****♥ 6****♦ 8 7 6****♣ K T**

	N	
W		E
	S	

**♠ A K****♥ K 8 5 3****♦ K Q J 4****♣ A 9 3****♠ 9****♥ J T****♦ A T 9 5 3 2****♣ Q J 7 6**

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

6♥ by East

**Baker Blackwood 9**

You need to find out about Aces so you bid 4NT.

Partner says 6♦. What do you bid?

Partner has shown one Ace and a ♦ void. As to what you bid, that's easy. You have no choice now but to say 6♥. This is a pretty good slam, but it is not cold. Maybe North will not lead a ♣. Or maybe South will have the ♦ A.

**Board 5**

South Deals

N-S Vul

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

♠ A T 7

♥ 9 5 2

♦ A T 8 6

♣ Q 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3  
 ♥ T 8 6  
 ♦ 7 3  
 ♣ J T 9 8 7 5 2

♠ K Q 4

♥ K Q J 3

♦ K Q J 5

♣ A K

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

6NT by South

Baker Blackwood 10

Not everybody responds to 2♣ openers the same way. But with 9 balanced points 2NT is reasonable. Partner jumps to 4♣. What do you bid?

With 2 Aces your response is 4♠. Partner bids 6NT and you pass.