

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 5 3

♥ A 5 4

♦ T 8 6 2

♣ 6 4

♠ A 8 7 6

♥ Q J 7

♦ A J 3

♣ A 8 2



♠ 2

♥ T 9 8 3 2

♦ Q 9 7 5

♣ 9 7 3

♠ K Q J 4

♥ K 6

♦ K 4

♣ K Q J T 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

1NT

Pass

4♣

Pass

4NT

Pass

6NT

All Pass

6NT by South

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

So she uses Gerber to find out.

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

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q T 6 4 3

♥ 2

♦ 9 5 4 2

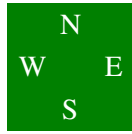
♣ Q 9 8

♠ 9 7 2

♥ K J 5 3

♦ K 7

♣ 7 6 4 2



♠ J 8 5

♥ 8 7 4

♦ T 8 6

♣ J T 5 3

♠ A K

♥ A Q T 9 6

♦ A Q J 3

♣ A K

West	North	East	South
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥	Pass	7NT
Pass			
7NT by South			

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 8
 ♥ 3 2
 ♦ 9 8 6 3 2
 ♣ T 5 3

♠ A 6 2

♥ A T 4

♦ K 7 5

♣ K 8 6 2



♠ K 7

♥ K 9

♦ A Q J T 4

♣ A Q J 7

♠ T 9 5 4 3

♥ Q J 8 7 6 5

♦ -

♣ 9 4

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

7NT by South

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SOUTH is just shy of a 2nd opening bid, and when NORTH shows 13-15 points SOUTH

wants to be in a slam.

SOUTH cannot use Blackwood because 4NT would be a natural invitation, but with NORTH's latest bid

being 2NT he can use Gerber.

Two Major Aces and two Minor Kings fill the holes in SOUTH's hand so he bids 7NT.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 8 4 3 2

♥ A 9 6 5 2

♦ 2

♣ 6

♠ A K 5

♥ 7

♦ Q T 6 5 3

♣ K T 8 4



♠ T 9 7

♥ Q J T 8 3

♦ A 8

♣ 7 5 3

♠ 6

♥ K 4

♦ K J 9 7 4

♣ A Q J 9 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4NT

Pass

5 ♦

All Pass

5 ♦ by North

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SOUTH 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!

Board 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 2
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ K Q J T
 ♣ Q 6 3

♠ K 4

♥ K Q T 9 5

♦ A 7 6

♣ A 5 4



♠ T 5

♥ 7 3

♦ 9 8 4 2

♣ K J T 9 2

♠ A Q J 7 3

♥ A J 8 6

♦ 5 3

♣ 8 7

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	All Pass	

6 ♥ by North

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NORTH knows SOUTH has at least five and they might provide discards for two or three

of her minor suit losers.

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

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

so she bids 6