

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
	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.

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Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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

♠ Q T 6 4 3
♥ 2
♦ 9 5 4 2
♣ Q 9 8

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

7NT by East

Board 3

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 9 5 4 3
 ♥ Q J 8 7 6 5
 ♦ -
 ♣ 9 4

♠ K 7
 ♥ K 9
 ♦ A Q J T 4
 ♣ A Q J 7

	N	
W		E
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♠ 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

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

7NT by North

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

wants to be in a slam.

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

being 2NT he can use Gerber.

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

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6
♥ K 4
♦ K J 9 7 4
♣ A Q J 9 2

♠ Q J 8 4 3 2

♥ A 9 6 5 2

♦ 2

♣ 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

5♦ by East

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WEST 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