

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9 6 3 2

♥ Q

♦ -

♣ Q J T 9 4 3

♠ A K

♥ K 9 4 2

♦ K Q J T 5 4

♣ 8



♠ T 7 5

♥ 7 5

♦ A 9 8 7 2

♣ K 6 2

♠ 8 4

♥ A J T 8 6 3

♦ 6 3

♣ A 7 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

4NT

Pass

2♥

Pass

6♥

All Pass

5♥

6♥ by North

Baker Blackwood 5

Partner opens a Weak 2-bid and catches you with a blockbuster. The only thing you want to know about his hand now is how many Aces he has. So you bid 4NT. Partner answers 5♥. What do you bid?

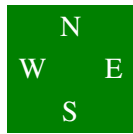
That makes it simple, with 2 Aces you bid a confident 6♥. If he had 1 Ace you would have bid an also confident 5♥. If he had zero Aces you would have been in a spot of trouble. And if he had 3 Aces you would have asked him how he could open a Weak-2 with that many points.

Board 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 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



♠ A 9 8 6
♥ K Q J T
♦ K T 8 6
♣ 3

♠ Q J T 4
♥ 7 2
♦ 9 5 3 2
♣ 9 7 6

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

6 ♥ by South

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 3

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 5 4 3
 ♥ 9 8 4 3 2
 ♦ A 6 3
 ♣ 9 7

♠ 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

♠ Q T 6

♥ A Q 5

♦ T 8 7

♣ A Q 5 2

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

6NT by North

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 4

North Deals

Both 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

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♠ 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 ♠).