

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

6♥ by South

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

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 5
♥ A 9 8 5
♦ A Q
♣ K Q J 5 4

♠ Q J T 4

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 5 3 2

♣ 9 7 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 3 2
♥ 6 4 3
♦ J 7 4
♣ A T 8 2

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

6♥ by East

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

N
W
E
S

♠ 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

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 2

♥ A K Q T 5

♦ A K

♣ K Q J

♠ K 6 5

♥ 9 8 7 3 2

♦ Q 7 3

♣ 7 2

N
W
E
S

♠ A Q J 8 7 3

♥ 6

♦ T 8 6

♣ A 6 3

♠ 4

♥ J 4

♦ J 9 5 4 2

♣ T 9 8 5 4

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

6NT by West

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♠).