

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 5
♥ J 9 6
♦ J 7 6 4
♣ A 10 9 6

6
6 6
22

♠ J 7 4 2
♥ K Q 5 4
♦ 8 2
♣ 7 5 3



♠ A K Q 9 8 3
♥ 2
♦ A K
♣ K Q J 8

♠ 10
♥ A 10 8 7 3
♦ Q 10 9 5 3
♣ 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♠ by South

NORTH's 3rd supporting bid is enough to convince SOUTH to make a slam try.

SOUTH bids Blackwood 4 NT. If NORTH shows one Ace SOUTH plans to bid 6th, but

when NORTH bids 5th SOUTH settles for 5th

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 7 2
 ♥ 7 5 2
 ♦ 7 5 2
 ♣ 9 5

23
 5 4
 8

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A 6 4
 ♥ K J 9
 ♦ A K Q J 9
 ♣ K Q



♠ J 3
 ♥ A Q 10 8 6
 ♦ 10 3
 ♣ J 10 7 4

North

2 ♣

4 NT

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

SOUTH makes a positive 3

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response to NORTH's 2♠™£ opener.

This promises at least 8 points and a 5-card suit with two or more honors.

NORTH only needs to know one thing - how many Aces in the SOUTH hand.

A Blackwood 4 NT tells her the answer is one, so she bids 6

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Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 6 4 2
 ♥ A 10 7 3
 ♦ 10 7 3
 ♣ 8

18
 5 1
 16

♠ K Q
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ K Q J 9 7 3 2



♠ A 9 7
 ♥ Q J 4 2
 ♦ K Q 8 6
 ♣ A 5

♠ 8 5 3
 ♥ 9 8 5
 ♦ J 9 5 2
 ♣ 10 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			

When SOUTH opens 1 NT, point-count alone tells NORTH that 6 NT can surely be made.

SOUTH is bound to hold at least two Aces. But NORTH doesn't want to miss a Grand slam.

NORTH bids 4[™]£, (Gerber), and SOUTH admits to just two Aces.

So NORTH settles for the small slam.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7
 ♥ 10 8
 ♦ J 8 4 2
 ♣ J 7 6 5 4

12
 2 4
 22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

♠ J 9 5 2
 ♥ A J 7 4 3
 ♦ A Q
 ♣ 9 8



♠ A K Q 6 4 3
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ K 7 3
 ♣ A K

North

1 ♥

3 ♠

5 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

4 NT

7 NT

SOUTH has a powerhouse and knows she will reach a slam somewhere. When NORTH

supports the \hat{a}^{TM} s, it seems she has found her spot.

Blackwood tells her that NORTH has two Aces.

She can see there are 12 tricks available and decides to take a chance that

NORTH will have a thirteenth trick somewhere among his opening hand points.

She bids 7 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 5

♥ 7 4 2

♦ A 9 7 4

♣ 10 3 2

22
6 4
8

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♥ by South

♠ A K 2

♥ K Q 6 5

♦ K Q J

♣ K J 6



♠ J 7 3

♥ A J 10 9 8

♦ 8 3 2

♣ Q 8

North

2 ♣

4 NT

5 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

5 ♦

Pass

NORTH is tempted to go right to 6

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when she hears SOUTH's positive

response. BUT, she should use Blackwood first.

It's good thing she did because SOUTH admits to only one Ace - they are missing two Aces.