

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 6 3**♥ Q 7****♦ A 9 7 2****♣ Q 6 2****♠ 8 4****♥ A J 10 8 6 3****♦ 6 3****♣ A 7 5****♠ Q J 9 5 2****♥ 5****♦ 8****♣ K J 10 9 4 3****♠ A K****♥ K 9 4 2****♦ K Q J 10 5 4****♣ 8****West****North****East****South****2 ♥****Pass****4 NT****Pass****5 ♥****Pass****6 ♥****Pass****6 ♥ by North**

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 4 NT. 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.

Deal 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 7 4
♥ 7 4
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ 10 8 6

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♠ K 5
♥ A 9 8 5
♦ A Q
♣ K Q J 5 4

19
4 4
13

♠ A 9 8 6
♥ K Q J 10
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

You MIGHT say that with 13 points and partner controlling the ♣s you could jump to 2 NT, "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 4 NT. Partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

Partner shows 2 Aces so you bid 6 ♥.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 3
♥ J 4
♦ 6 5 3
♣ J 6 4

♠ Q 10 6

♥ A Q 5

♦ 10 8 7

♣ A Q 5 2



♠ J 4 2
♥ 9 8 7 6 3 2
♦ A 2
♣ 9 7

♠ A K
♥ K 10
♦ K Q J 9 4
♣ K 10 8 3

14
2 5
19

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

You dealt this hand.

You have 20 points and it would not be terrible to open 2 NT. However, strictly speaking you shouldn't open 2 NT with two doubletons. So you open 1♦. Partner responds with a jump to 2 NT. What do you bid?

With partner's 13-15 added onto your 20, bidding 6 NT 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 6 NT.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ 9 8 4 2
♦ Q 5 3 2
♣ 10 8 5 2

♠ A Q J 8 7 3

♥ 6

♦ 10 8 6

♣ A 6 3

11
2 5
22

♠ 10 9 2

♥ A K Q 10 5

♦ A K

♣ K Q J

W	N
S	E

♠ K 6 4
♥ J 7 3
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ 9 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	6 NT
ALL	Pass		
6 NT by South			

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 4 NT. What is your reply?

He asks for Aces so you bid 5 ♥ showing 2. He now bids 5 NT. What do you say?

You have no King. So you reply 6 ♣ and partner bids 6 NT (safer than 6 ♠).