

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 7  
♥ Q J T 8 3  
♦ A 8  
♣ 7 5 3

♠ 6  
♥ K 4  
♦ K J 9 7 4  
♣ A Q J 9 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 8 4 3 2  
♥ A 9 6 5 2  
♦ 2  
♣ 6

♠ A K 5  
♥ 7  
♦ Q T 6 5 3  
♣ K T 8 4

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

5♦ by South

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NORTH 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 2**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q J 7 3  
♥ A J 8 6  
♦ 5 3  
♣ 8 7

♠ 9 8 6 2

♥ 4 2

♦ K Q J T

♣ Q 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

6♥ by East

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EAST knows WEST has at least five and they  
might provide discards for two or three

of her minor suit losers.

She tries Blackwood and, sure enough, WEST comes  
through with two Aces.Even with all the Aces EAST knows there are not  
enough points for Grand,

so she bids 6

**Board 3**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ T 7 4  
♥ 8 4 3  
♦ Q J 5  
♣ 8 6 5 2

♠ A 6 2  
♥ K Q J 7  
♦ 6  
♣ K Q J T 9

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 9 8  
♥ 6  
♦ K T 8 7 3 2  
♣ 7 3

♠ K 5 3  
♥ A T 9 5 2  
♦ A 9 4  
♣ A 4

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

7♥ by North

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When NORTH answers Blackwood with one Ace  
SOUTH decides to bid 5NT to ask for Kings.

With two Kings, NORTH would bid 6

But she knows that if she does so, SOUTH might stop right there.

Knowing the 5NT bid guarantees all four Aces,  
NORTH figures her suit will

supply five tricks so she bids 7

**Board 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K Q 5  
 ♥ A J 6 5 2  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ K Q J

♠ J 9 3

♥ K 3

♦ 8 7 4 3

♣ 9 5 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 7  
 ♥ Q 9 7 4  
 ♦ K Q 5  
 ♣ A T 8 3

♠ T 6 4 2  
 ♥ T 8  
 ♦ A J T 9 2  
 ♣ 7 6

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

5♥ by West

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WEST thinks there might be slam if EAST holds both minor Aces, so he tries Blackwood.

When EAST shows just one Ace WEST is afraid he will have a trump loser as well, so

he stops at 5

It turns out that WEST might make twelve tricks, depending on the

K situation.

**Board 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ A J 6

♥ K 5

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ A 9 7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 7 5 3  
♥ T  
♦ J 8 7  
♣ Q J 6 2

♠ K 4 2  
♥ A Q J 8 7 4 2  
♦ K  
♣ K 3

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

7NT by South

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SOUTH might be tempted to blast into Blackwood with his first bid, pushing toward some slam

in

s. He chooses to temporize with a 1

response and is rewarded when NORTH jumps to 2NT (18-19 points).

The Notrump bid prevents SOUTH from using Blackwood, but Gerber 4 will work just fine.

When he discovers that NORTH holds three Aces and one King he can count thirteen tricks.

**Board 6**

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K

♥ K Q 4

♦ K Q J 3

♣ K Q J 5

♠ 9 8 5 4

♥ 9 8

♦ A T 8

♣ 9 7 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 6 3

♥ A T 7

♦ 9 5 2

♣ A T 8 6

♠ J T 7 2

♥ J 6 5 3 2

♦ 7 6 4

♣ 3

West	North	East	South
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

6NT by West

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EAST responds 2NT, showing 8+ points with no 5-card suit.

WEST only needs to know how many Aces are in the EAST hand. He must use Gerber since

4NT in this situation would not be Blackwood.

When EAST shows two Aces WEST bids 6NT.