

**Deal 1**

North Deals ♠ A 8 7 6  
 None Vul ♥ Q J 7  
 ♦ A J 3  
 ♣ A 8 2

♠ 2 ♠ 10 9 5 3  
 ♥ 10 9 3 2 ♥ A 8 5 4  
 ♦ Q 10 8 7 5 2 ♦ 9 6  
 ♣ 7 4 ♣ 9 6 3

16 ♠ K Q J 4  
 2 4 ♥ K 6  
 18 ♦ K 4  
 ♣ K Q J 10 5

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 NT by North			

When NORTH opens 1 NT SOUTH hopes his hand includes all four Aces so she can bid 7 NT.

So she uses Gerber to find out.

But, when she discovers they are missing an Ace she settles for 6 NT.

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## Deal 2

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 7 2  
♥ K J 5 3  
♦ K 7  
♣ 7 6 4 2

♠ 6 4 3  
♥ 2  
♦ 10 9 8 5 4  
♣ Q J 9 5



♠ Q J 10 8 5  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ 6 2  
♣ 10 8 3

♠ A K  
♥ A Q 10 9 6  
♦ A Q J 3  
♣ A K

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	7 NT
ALL	Pass		
7 NT by South			

### ***Deal 3***

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 9 3

20

2 4

14

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

♠ K 7

♥ K 9

♦ A Q J 10 4

♣ A Q J 7



♠ A 6 2

♥ A 10 4

♦ K 7 5

♣ K 8 6 2

*North*

1 ♦

4 ♣

5 ♣

7 NT

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 NT

4 ♠

5 ♠

Pass

NORTH is just shy of a 2<sup>nd</sup> <sup>™</sup>£ opening bid, and when SOUTH shows 13-15 points NORTH

wants to be in a slam.

NORTH cannot use Blackwood because 4 NT would be a natural invitation, but with SOUTH's latest bid

being 2 NT he can use Gerber.

Two Major Aces and two Minor Kings fill the holes in NORTH's hand so he bids 7 NT.

**Deal 4**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4

♥ Q 6 3 2

♦ A 8

♣ 7 6 3

14  
8 6  
12

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♦ by North

♠ 6

♥ K 4

♦ K J 9 7 4

♣ A Q J 9 2



♠ A K 5

♥ 7

♦ Q 10 6 5 3

♣ K 10 8 4

*North*

1 ♦

4 ♣

4 NT

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

3 ♦

4 ♠

5 ♦

♠ J 10 8 3 2

♥ A J 10 9 8 5

♦ 2

♣ 5

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!

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5  
 ♥ 3 2  
 ♦ K 10 9 8  
 ♣ Q 10 9 6 2

12  
 5 7  
 16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A Q J 7 3

♥ A J 8 6

♦ 5 3

♣ 8 7



♠ K 4

♥ K Q 10 9 5

♦ A 7 6

♣ A 5 4

North

1 ♠

3 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

4 NT

6 ♥

SOUTH knows NORTH has at least five  
 â™ s, and they might provide discards for  
 two or three

of her minor suit losers.

She tries Blackwood and, sure enough,  
 NORTH comes through with two Aces.

Even with all the Aces SOUTH knows  
 there are not enough points for Grand,

so she bids 6

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