

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ 9  
♥ Q J 10 7 5  
♦ A K Q 3  
♣ K Q 4



17  
8 4  
11

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

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

Your 3 ♥ bid showed 11-12 points. Decide how you would answer partner's Blackwood 4 NT, then on BID above.

The Blackwood response for 1 Ace is 5 ♦. Partner evidently was hoping for 2, and he signs off at 5 ♥. He is the Captain so you pass.

**Deal 2**

East Deals  
None Vul

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

18  
5 1  
16

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



♠ Q J 8  
♥ K Q 2  
♦ A 10 9 8 6  
♣ A 9

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

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

Your 1 NT bid showed 15-17 points and a balanced hand. Decide how you would answer partner's Gerber 4 ♣, then on BID above.

The Gerber response to show 2 Aces is 4 ♠. So you bid 4 ♠ and partner jumps to 6 NT, which you pass.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 7 5 4

♥ 9 7

♦ A 6 2

♣ 10 7 4

16

4 4

16

West

Pass

Pass

4 NT by North

♠ A Q J

♥ Q J 10 5

♦ 9 7 5

♣ K Q J



♠ K 8

♥ K 2

♦ K Q J 10 8 4 3

♣ A 3

♠ 6 3 2

♥ A 8 6 4 3

♦ —

♣ 9 8 6 5 2

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♣

4 NT

Very interesting! If partner's 1 NT bid happens to include 3 Aces and one King you can count 13 tricks so you bid 4 ♣, definitely Gerber following the 1 NT opening. Partner answers 4 ♥. What do you say next?

You almost refuse to believe it! How can partner have a 1 NT opener with only 1 Ace? But you trust your partner so you bid 4 NT. Everybody passes and you stare in amazement at partner's 16 points.

Wouldn't it have been funny if partner had thought your 4 ♣ bid was Stayman? And so his 4 ♥ bid would have been showing a suit. And then your 4 NT bid would have been Blackwood. And then he would have answered 5 ♦ and you would have passed and made it!

**Deal 4**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 6 5

♥ 9 3 2

♦ 5 2

♣ 10 8 7 5

15  
1 4  
20

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ K Q 7

♥ A 6 5

♦ Q 10 8 3

♣ K J 4



♠ A 9 8

♥ K Q J 10

♦ K J 6

♣ A Q 3

*North*

4 ♣

6 NT

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 NT

4 ♠

Pass

With a 20 point balanced hand you open 2 NT. What do you rebid after partner jumps to 4 ♣?

The 4 ♣ bid is Gerber and your correct response with 2 Aces is 4 ♠. Partner now bids 6 NT and since he is the Captain you pass.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 6 3

♥ Q 7

♦ A 9 7 2

♣ Q 6 2

9  
8 7  
16

♠ 8 4

♥ A J 10 8 6 3

♦ 6 3

♣ A 7 5



♠ A K

♥ K 9 4 2

♦ K Q J 10 5 4

♣ 8

♠ Q J 9 5 2

♥ 5

♦ 8

♣ K J 10 9 4 3

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♥

Pass

Pass

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.