

**Deal 1**South Deals  
None Vul**♠ K Q J 4****♥ K 6****♦ K 4****♣ K Q J 10 5****♠ 10 9 5 3****♥ A 8 5 4****♦ 9 6****♣ 9 6 3****♠ 2****♥ 10 9 3 2****♦ Q 10 8 7 5 2****♣ 7 4****♠ A 8 7 6****♥ Q J 7****♦ A J 3****♣ A 8 2****18**  
**4 2**  
**16**

West      North      East      South

1 NT

Pass      4 ♣      Pass      4 NT

Pass      6 NT      Pass      Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

When SOUTH opens 1 NT NORTH 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.

**Deal 2**

South Deals	♠ 9 7 2
None Vul	♥ K J 5 3
	♦ K 7
	♣ 7 6 4 2
♠ 6 4 3	♠ Q J 10 8 5
♥ 2	♥ 8 7 4
♦ 10 9 8 5 4	♦ 6 2
♣ Q J 9 5	♣ 10 8 3

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

<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 NT
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	7 NT
ALL	Pass		
7 NT by South			

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***Deal 3***

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North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7	♦ A Q J 10 4
♥ K 9	♣ A Q J 7

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ Q 8 6

♦ 8 2

♣ 10 9 3

**20****2 4****14**

N	
W	E
S	

♠ Q J 5	♦ J 7 5 3 2
♥ 9 6 3	♣ 5 4

♠ A 6 2

♥ A 10 4

♦ K 7 5

♣ K 8 6 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	7 NT	Pass	Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

NORTH is just shy of a 2 $\hat{a}$  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.

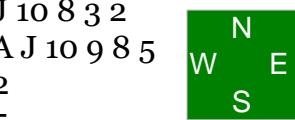
Two Major Aces and two Minor Kings fill the holes in NORTH's hand so he bids 7 NT.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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



♠ 6
♥ K 4
♦ K J 9 7 4
♣ A Q J 9 2

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

SOUTH 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**

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 9 8 6 2  
♥ 7 4  
♦ Q J 4 2  
♣ K J 3

♠ K 4  
♥ K Q 10 9 5  
♦ A 7 6  
♣ A 5 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by South

SOUTH knows NORTH has at least five a™'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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