

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

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

7♥ by South

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

With two Kings, SOUTH would bid 6

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

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

supply five tricks so she bids 7

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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

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♠ 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

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

5♥ by East

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

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

he stops at 5

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

K situation.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 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

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	S	

♠ 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

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

7NT by North

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NORTH 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 SOUTH jumps to 2NT (18-19 points).

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

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

Board 4East Deals
Both Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

6 NT by East

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

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

4NT in this situation would not be Blackwood.

When WEST shows two Aces EAST bids 6NT.