

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 5
♥ J 7 5 4 2
♦ 10 5
♣ Q 5 3

21
6 3
10

♠ K 6 2
♥ A 10 9
♦ A K 3
♣ A K 8 4



♠ A 7
♥ K 3
♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2
♣ 7 6

♠ 10 9 8 4 3
♥ Q 8 6
♦ 6
♣ J 10 9 2

West	North	East	South
	2 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 NT	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
7 NT by North			

SOUTH isn't sure just how much he can make, but surely 6

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isn't

too much to hope for.

He starts with a Gerber 4â™™£ and NORTH shows three Aces.

Hmmm, 5â™™£ asks for Kings and NORTH shows three.

Hmm, SOUTH can now count all thirteen tricks, so he forgets about the

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slam and bids 7 NT.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 4
 ♥ 10 8 4 3
 ♦ A J 9 7
 ♣ 4 3

11
 5 4
 20

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 NT by South

♠ J 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 5

♣ A K Q 10 9 6



♠ A K Q

♥ K Q 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ J 8 7 5

North

4 ♣

4 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4 ♥

Pass

NORTH has 13 points and can contribute six tricks so she figures that twelve tricks will be a slam (dunk).

However, just to make sure the opponents don't take the first two tricks she checks with Gerber.

Uh Oh, missing two Aces she signs off at 4 NT. She could also happily play 5^{â™}£, but it

would be tricky to get there. Very tricky.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 8 3

♥ J 10 8

♦ J 5

♣ J 8 2

15
4 6
15

West

Pass

4 NT by North

♠ K 7 5

♥ Q 9 6

♦ A 9 8 3

♣ A Q 7

♠ A Q 6

♥ K 7 3

♦ K 6

♣ K 10 6 5 3

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 NT



♠ 4 2

♥ A 5 4 2

♦ Q 10 7 4 2

♣ 9 4

Yes, this has nothing to do with Gerber or Blackwood, but everything to do with smart bidding.

SOUTH has a 16 points and NORTH has 15, 16 or 17. SOUTH wants to be in 6 NT if NORTH has 17,

but merely a Notrump game if she has 15 or 16.

The way to find out is to bid 4 NT - not Blackwood but merely an invitation to bid 6 NT.

In this case, NORTH has but 15 points and declines the invitation. If her

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were changed to the

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A she would bid 6 NT and collect her twelve easy tricks.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 5 3

♥ A 8 5 4

♦ 9 6

♣ 9 6 3

18

4 2

16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ K Q J 4

♥ K 6

♦ K 4

♣ K Q J 10 5



♠ A 8 7 6

♥ Q J 7

♦ A J 3

♣ A 8 2

North

4 ♣

6 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

4 NT

Pass

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 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A K
♥ A Q 10 9 6
♦ A Q J 3
♣ A K

♠ Q J 10 8 5
♥ 8 7 4
♦ 6 2
♣ 10 8 3



♠ 6 4 3
♥ 2
♦ 10 9 8 5 4
♣ Q J 9 5

♠ 9 7 2
♥ K J 5 3
♦ K 7
♣ 7 6 4 2

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 North			

Deal 6

Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6 2
♥ A 10 4
♦ K 7 5
♣ K 8 6 2

♠ Q J 5
♥ J 7 5 3 2
♦ 9 6 3
♣ 5 4



♠ 10 9 8 4 3
♥ Q 8 6
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 9 3

14
4 2
20

♠ K 7
♥ K 9
♦ A Q J 10 4
♣ A Q J 7

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
7 NT by North			

SOUTH is just shy of a 2nd opening bid, and when NORTH shows 13-15 points SOUTH

wants to be in a slam.

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

being 2 NT he can use Gerber.

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