

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

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

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



♠ 10 8 4 3 2
♥ 8 3
♦ 6 4
♣ A 9 5 2

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 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 7 6
♥ J 6 5
♦ 7 4 2
♣ 8 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 9 5
♥ A 7
♦ K Q 3
♣ K Q J 6 4

♠ 4 3 2
♥ 10 9 8 4 3
♦ J 5
♣ 10 5 2

18
5 1
16

♠ Q J 8
♥ K Q 2
♦ A 10 9 8 6
♣ A 9

West	North	East	South
		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

♠ A Q J

♥ Q J 10 5

♦ 9 7 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 10 9 7 5 4

♥ 9 7

♦ A 6 2

♣ 10 7 4

16

4 4

16

♣ A 3

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

Very interesting! If partner's 1 NT bid happens to include 3 Aces and one King you can count 13 tricks ♠o 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 4East Deals
None Vul

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

15
1 4
20

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 7
 ♥ A 6 5
 ♦ Q 10 8 3
 ♣ K J 4

♠ 4 3 2
 ♥ 8 7 4
 ♦ A 9 7 4
 ♣ 9 6 2

♠ A 9 8
 ♥ K Q J 10
 ♦ K J 6
 ♣ A Q 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			

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 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 7 6 3
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ A 9 7 2
 ♣ Q 6 2

♠ 8 4
 ♥ AJ 10 8 6 3
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ A 7 5

N ♠ Q J 9 5 2
 W ♥ 5
 E ♦ 8
 S ♣ K J 10 9 4 3

♠ AK
 ♥ K 9 4 2
 ♦ K Q J 10 5 4
 ♣ 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	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.