

HCP	Makeable					
	contrac			rac	ts	
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11	N	-	-	-	1	
7 19	S	-	-	-	1	
3	Е	6	6	-	-	
	W	6	6	-	-	

Board 1: Dealer North: Love all

West	North	East	South
	1 🛦	Dbl	Pass
2•	Pass	5 <b>•</b>	Pass
6•	All Pass		

The 2D response to the double is hard to read as it is a forced bid.

With such a strong hand, total control of spades and no action from South, bid the diamond game.

West has two tricks more than East can count on and so raises to the small slam on the probability it makes and the bonus!

<b>♦</b> 42 ♥ A K ♦ 10 • 85	7 7543
<b>♠</b> J963	<b>♦</b> KQ10875
<b>♥</b> J10843	<b>♥</b> Q92
<b>♦</b> J8	<b>♦</b> 92
<b>4</b> 93	<b>4</b> 76
<b>♠</b> A	
<b>•</b> 65	

◆AKQ6 ♣AKQJ104

HCP
7 3 7 23

Makeable contracts					
	C	con	tra	cts	
	♣ <b>♦ ♥</b> ♠ NT				
N	7	7	1	1	7
S	7	7	1	1	7
Ε	•	•	•	•	ı
W	-	-	-	-	-

Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1.
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	7♦

All Pass

Bid this one on Losing Trick Count



♣72
♥1087
♦ J843
♣ 10943
♠ AQ63
♠ KJ984
♥ K9
♥ A43
♠ A765
♠ KQ2
♣875
♣ AQ
♠ 105
♥ QJ652
♠ 109

**♣**KJ62

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13	1 7	19

Makeable contracts							
	*	♣ <b>♦ ♥ </b>					
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S	ı	ı	ı	ı	-		
Ε	3	5	2	6	5		
W	2	5	2	6	5		

Board 1 Dealer North: Love all

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1.	Pass
4	Pass	5♣	Pass
5•	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

19 HCPs is the maximum for East's opening 1.

With 13 HCPs and 7 losers, West raised direct to 4.

With 6 losers East avoids Blackwood, and instead shows first round control in clubs with 5.

West recognises the cue bid, a sudden bid of a new suit after an agreed game. Another cue bid shows first round control in diamonds.

East shows first round controls in hearts.

West can now predict ruffing values in Hearts, has A and Q in the trump suit and can bid the slam.

♠QJ542
♥AJ32
♦864

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**↔** A

**♦**87 **♦**6 **♥** 105 **♥** Q976 **♦** COJ972 **♦** K 1053

◆QJ9/2◆10543

**♥** K84

• A

**♣**K972

Ė	Board	2	Dealer	Last:	NS	vulnera	ble

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 🛦
Pass	<b>4*</b>	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠

North sees a great fit in spades possible slam.

The splinter bid of 4\* agrees the spades and shows a singleton or void in clubs.

South responds with a cue bid in diamonds.

North shows first round control in hearts.

South uses Blackwood, and finds all four Aces, bids slam.

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	Makeable contracts					
		•	•	>	<b>^</b>	NT
	N	2	2	5	6	4
Ī	S	2	2	5	6	4
	Е	ı	ı	ı	-	1
	W	•	•	•	-	ı



**HCP** 

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**∧** K8 **y** A ♦ KQJ10753 **\***AJ4 **♦** QJ 10 3 **↑**764 **♥**Q852 **♥** K 10 6 4 3 **84** 9 **♣**532 ♣Q1096 **♠**A952 **♥**J97 ♦ A62 **♣**K87

Makeable contracts					
	*	•	•	٨	NT
Ν	3	6	ı	3	6
S	თ	6	ı	3	6
Е	ı	ı	ı	•	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Board 3 Dealer South: EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	4 <b>.</b>	Pass	4♠
Pass	5 <b>.</b>	Pass	5♥
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

With a great diamond suit and some high cards, North realises a NT slam could be on. 4\* asks partner for aces.

4♠ shows two aces, 5♣ asks about kings. There is a king missing, so north settles for 6NT.

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<b>.</b> K 10876				
<b>♦</b> A 5	<b>♦</b> KQJ1094			
<b>♥</b> QJ82	<b>♥</b> A 7			
<ul><li>1095</li></ul>	♦AKJ2			
<b>♣</b> AJ43	<b>.</b> 2			
<b>♦</b> 876				
<b>∨</b> K 10 9				

◆ Q876

♣Q95

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HCP		Ma	kea	ble	cor	<u>ntra</u>	cts
			*	•	•	٨	NT
3 12 18		Ν	-	-	ı	-	-
	3	S	-	-	ı	-	-
7		Е	2	5	4	6	5
		W	2	5	4	6	5

Board 4 Dealer West: All vulnerable

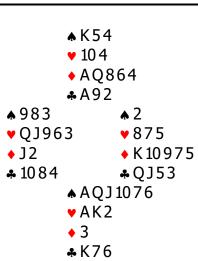
West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	<b>4</b> •	Pass
4♠	Pass	5 <b>.</b> *	Pass
5 <b>•</b>	Pass	6♠	All Pass

With an eight-card fit in hearts and four losers, East is interested in a spade slam.

The next step depends on partnership agreed methods. If playing transfers, East will transfer to spades and use Blackwood.

Without transfers, a bid of 4. Gerber asking for Aces finds all four. 4. finds two missing Kings, not a problem in clubs but likely to be a heart loser so settle for 6.





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	6		S	4	2	2	6	
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			W	-	-	-	-	

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Board 5 Dealer North: NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South		
	1NT	Pass	3♠		
Pass	4 <b>.</b>	Pass	4NT		
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT		
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♠		

All Pass

This North-South are playing transfers.

In this case the jump to 3♠ shows slam interest in spades.

North's 4\* is a cue bid showing first round control in clubs, after a 1NT opening this will be an ace.

South confirms two aces with blackwood, and then that one King is missing. Bids 6.

<b>↑</b> 7 <b>∨</b> KJ <b>∙</b> Q1	.052
<b>.</b> 64	32
<b>∧</b> K32	<b>▲</b> AQJ1084
<b>♥</b> 76	<b>♥</b> A 10 2
◆AK9863	<b>♦</b> J4
<b>.</b> K9	<b>.</b> A 7
<b>♦</b> 96	5
<b>♥</b> Q9	83
<b>♦</b> 7	
<b>♣</b> QJ	1085

HCF	HCP			ble	cor	ntra	cts
			*	•	•	٨	NT
6		N	1	-	1	-	-
13	16	S	1	-	1	-	-
5		Е	-	5	-	6	5
		W	-	5	-	6	5

Board 6 Dealer East: EW vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 🛧	Pass
2•	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5•	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

East-West get to 4♠. East is only missing one ace and uses Blackwood to find it in partner's hand. Partner has already shown at least 10HCPs, so East asks for the count of Kings. There is one missing so East settles for 6♠.



## **COMMENTARY**



AQ7 VK105 6543 KQJ2 A8 A1096543 VJ98763 VQ4 1087 A2 A1083 A964 AKJ 2 VA2

♦ KQJ9
♣ A75

♠ 6543
♥ 1042
♦ 54
♣ AKJ7

**▲**J1082

♦ A97 ♣ Q10954

**y** 9

Board 7 Dealer South: All vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6NT

All Pass

This is straight forward quantitative bidding

AAK7

**♦**863

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**♥**AKQ873

Ма	Makeable contracts				
	*	•	>	٨	NT
N	6	5	2	4	6
S	6	5	2	4	6
Е	ı	ı	ı	•	-
W	•	•	•	•	-

**♠** Q9

**♥** J65

KQJ102♣832

Board 8 Dealer West: Love all

West	North	East Sout		th East So	South
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass		
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass		
<b>4</b>	Pass	5♥	Pass		
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Pass Pass

Slam Interest shown with cue bid. Discouraging repeat of Trump Suit.

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16	8 7	9

Makeable contracts					
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Ν	2	ı	ı	2	-
S	2	-	-	2	1
Е	-	4	5	-	1
W	-	4	5	-	1

(4NT Pass 5♣ Pass5♥ Pass Pass Pass

Come to the same conclusion using Blackwood)s





Board 1:	Dealer Nort	h : Love all			
West	North	East	South		
	1♠	Dbl	Pass		
2.	Pass	5•	Pass		
		3.	1 455		
0 •	All Pass				
Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable					
West	North	East	South		
		Pass	1.*		
Pacc	1.	Dacc	7◆		
	1.	1 033	7 🔻		
All Pass					
	<b>West</b> 2 ◆ 6 ◆  Board 2 :	West North  1 ♣  2 ◆ Pass  6 ◆ All Pass  Board 2 : Dealer East  West North  Pass 1 ◆	1♠ Dbl 2♠ Pass 5♠ 6♠ All Pass  Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulner  West North East  Pass Pass Pass Pass		