

Quiz #9 Answers – Using Blackwood

The symbol shows which partner should realize that slam is possible and at what point s/he should become aware of it. The “AHA!” moment. It is the responsibility of the one who knows to ensure that slam is investigated.



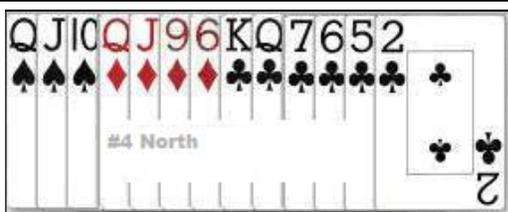
North: 2♣ (21 HCP + 1 for length)	South: 2♦ (waiting) (13 HCP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North: 2♥ (showing a 5-card major suit)	South: 4NT (Blackwood, asking for Aces)
North: 5♦ (showing 1 Ace)	South: 6♥ (1 Ace missing, no point in asking for Kings as bidding would be too high anyway, take a chance and bid slam)
Final Contract: 6♥ by North	Results: Will lose 1 trick in diamonds, if diamond is led
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North shows 22+ pts, South has 13; South knows, so will initiate Blackwood.



North: 2♣ (21 HCP +1 for length)	South: 2♦ (waiting) (12 HCP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North: 3♣ (showing 5-card suit)	South: 3♥ (showing 4-card heart suit)
North: 4♥ (supporting South's hearts)	South: 4NT (Blackwood, asking for Aces)
North: 5♥ (2 Aces)	South: 5NT (have all Aces, asking for Kings)
North: 6♠ (3 Kings)	South: 6NT (missing 1 King, oh oh! Must stop at 6NT, too high to bid 6♥)
Final Contract: 6NT by South	Results: Should make 7NT.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North shows 22+ pts, South has 12; South knows, so will initiate Blackwood.



North: Pass (10 HCP plus 1 for length)	South: 2♣ (24 HCP)
North: 2♦ (waiting)	South: 2NT (showing 22-24 HCP, balanced hand)
North: 3♥ (Jacoby transfer to spades)	South: 4♠ (super-accept the transfer)
North: 4NT (Blackwood, asking for Aces) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	South: 5♣ (0 or 4 Aces, since North has 0, North will know this must mean 4)
North: 5NT (asking for Kings)	South: 6♦ (showing 1 King)
North: 6♠ (1 King missing)	
Final Contract: 6♠ by South <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North knows that South must have 4 spades and top of range (24) to super-accept the transfer	Results: 1 loser in hearts, should make contract unless opponents' hands are skewed in clubs, could go down 1, but will probably make



North: 1♣ (11 HCP, plus 2 for length, also Rule of 20 applies)	South: 1♠ (20 HCP, first try to find suit fit, change of suit is forcing in first round) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North: 2♣ (showing 5+ clubs, knows South has 4 spades but cannot support)	South: 3♠ (jump showing more points, 5+ spades, and game potential)
North: 4♠ (has fit in spades so will bid to game; counting dummy pts, North now has 15+ pts)	South: 4NT (Blackwood, asking for Aces, fit in spades has been found)
North: 5♣ (showing 0 or 4 Aces)	South: 5♠ (missing 2 Aces, might not make slam, so will cut off at 5 level)
Final Contract: 5♠ by South	Results: Should make 5♠, might make an overtrick
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South has 20 HCP; North has 12+. South must initiate Blackwood.



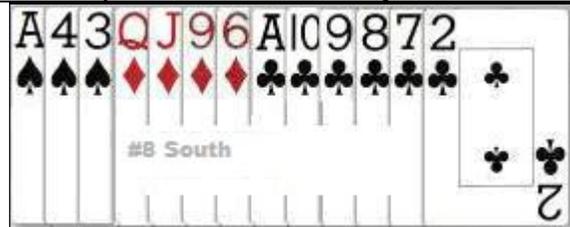
North: 1♣ (19 HCP, balanced)	South: 1♥ (8 HCP plus 3 for length, forcing)
North: 4♥ (South has support for hearts and at least 6 pts, bid to game)	South: 4NT (Blackwood, asking for Aces) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North: 5♠ (3 Aces)	South: 6♥ (1 Ace missing, use judgment, with two singletons, will try for slam, a slight risk)
Final Contract: 6♥ by South	Results: Should take 12 tricks, losing only 1 trick to the ♥A
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South has shown just 6 pts by responding so North must have 19 pts and 4-card heart support to jump to 4♥. With two long suits, so many trump, and 2 singletons, South has extra strength! Beginners might not try this; it takes experience and judgment. For now, be pleased to be in 4♥, making extra tricks.



North: 1♠ (13 HCP, plus 3 for length, some might open 4♠, to shut down competition, even though it's not a weak hand)	South: 4NT (20 HCP; Blackwood, asking for Aces) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North: 5♦ (showing 1 Ace)	South: 6♠ (Missing an Ace, but a very strong hand, will try for a small slam)
Final Contract: 6♠ by North	Results: Should take 12 tricks, losing 1 trick to ♦Ace
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South has very good support for spades, plus a very strong hand, combined with North's 12+ opening points and at least 10 trump between them.



North: 1♥ (19 HCP, plus 1 for length)	South: 2♣ (14 HCP, has support for hearts and minimum game pts; bid any other suit to force another bid, a jump to 4♥ is considered weak)
North: 2NT (a jump showing 18-19 HCP)	South: 4NT (Blackwood, asking for Aces) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North: 5♥ (showing 2 Aces)	South: 5NT (all 4 Aces, so will ask for Kings)
North: 6♥ (showing 2 Kings)	South: Pass (missing 2 Kings, oh oh!)
Final Contract: 6♥ by North	Results: Heart or club finesse must work to take 12 tricks, could go down 1, depends on first lead also; with so many pts and a long, strong heart suit, it's worth the risk
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With 32+ points together and at least a 10-card trump suit, South should try for slam.



North: 2♣ (21 HCP, plus 1 for length)	South: 2♦ (waiting) (11 HCP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North: 2♥ (showing a 5-card heart suit)	South: 3♣ (no hearts, no 4-card spade suit)
North: 4♣ (showing support for clubs, no stopper in diamonds to bid 3NT)	South: 4NT (Blackwood, asking for Aces)
North: 5♦ (showing 1 Ace)	South: 6♣ (Missing an Ace, but with so many points, a void, and length in clubs, will bid slam)
Final Contract: 6♣ by South	Results: Should take 12 tricks, losing only 1 diamond
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Having a void and a fit in trump makes South's hand stronger. South must initiate Blackwood.



North: 2♣ (24 HCP, balanced hand)	South: 2♦ (waiting) (10 HCP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North: 2NT (rebid showing 22-24 pts and a balanced hand)	South: 3♦ (Jacoby transfer to hearts)
North: 4♥ (super-accept the transfer with 4 hearts and maximum points)	South: 4NT (Blackwood, asking for Aces)
North: 5♥ (showing 2 Aces)	South: 6♥ (Missing 1 Ace, will try for Slam)
Final Contract: 6♥ by North	Results: Should take all 13 tricks
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South's hand is stronger than just HCP show because of the void, provided they can find a fit in a suit. Once North super-accepts the transfer, South knows for sure that slam should be there.



North: 1♠ (17 HCP, plus 2 for length)	South: 2♣ (15 HCP, support for spades, knows game level is there, but will bid another suit to force another bid; a jump to 4♠ is considered weak)
North: 3♠ (showing 6+ spades and medium-strength opening hand)	South: 4NT (Blackwood, asking for Aces) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North: 5♠ (showing 3 Aces)	South: 6♠ (Missing an Ace, will try for slam)
Final Contract: 6♠ by North	Results: Should lose only 1 trick to the ♥Ace, discard loser diamond on club
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As soon as South knows that North's pt count is in the 16-18 range and North has even more spades than 5, South should be investigating slam.