Gerber: It's Not Baby Food



Quantitative 4 No Trump

The Gerber Convention

- Like Blackwood or RKC, Gerber is a slam exploration convention.
- Gerber, however, is used only following a natural bid of no trump.
- After a natural no trump bid, 4 no trump is quantitative, not control asking.
 - 1nt....4nt is quantitative.
 - 2nt...4nt is quantitative.
 - $-1 \spadesuit ...1 \spadesuit ...2nt...4nt$ is quantitative.

Initiating Gerber

- You initiate Gerber with a bid of 4 , after a natural no trump bid.
 - -1 nt....4 \clubsuit is Gerber.
 - -2 nt....4 \clubsuit is Gerber.
 - − 3 nt....4 ♣ is Gerber
 - − 1 ♠2 ♥ ... 3nt...4 ♣ is Gerber.
- This system is not universal. Discuss it with your partner.

Responses to Gerber

- 4 + = 0 or 4 aces.
- 4 = 1 ace.
- 4 \spadesuit = 2 aces,
- 4 nt = 3 aces
- A bid if 5 asks for kings.
- The response is exactly the same as for aces.

Partner You

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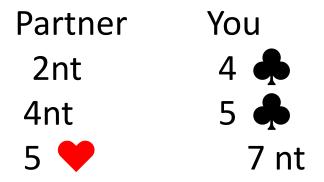
Your Hand







♣ KQJ1043



Your Hand



KQJ1095

♦ K 10

Q 4 3



Your Hand



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Your Hand



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Partner You

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Partner's Hand

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Your Hand

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Quantitative No Trump

The Quantitative No Trump Bid

- When partner makes a quantitative 4 no trump bid, you are expected to:
 - Bid 6 no trump with a maximum count for your hand.
 - Pass with less than a maximum count.
- When partner makes a quantitative 5 no trump bid, you are expected to:
 - Bid 7 no trump with a maximum.
 - Bid 6 no trump with less than a maximum,

When is 4/5 No Trump Quantitative?

- The quantitative no trump bid can be used whenever partner has made a clearly defined no trump bid. Here are some examples.
 - 1nt...4 nt is quantitative.
 - 2nt...4 nt is quantitative.
 - $-1 \spadesuit ...1 \spadesuit ...1$ nt...4nt is quantitative.
 - 2nt...5nt is quantitative.

When Do You Use Quantitative Bids?

- You use a quantitative no trump bid whenever:
 - Partner has defined her hand in a clearly limited range.
 - The maximum count of partner's hand will put your partnership in the slam range.
 - Any thing less than a maximum count leaves your partnership short of the slam range.

Hand 1

- QJ82
- K Q 10 7
- **♦** KJ9
- A Q

Hand 2

- Q 10 8 2
- 🧡 K Q 10
- **♦** KJ9
- **A** A J 6

- Partner opens 1 no trump (15-17)
- Hand 1. 18 points just bid 6 no trump.
- Hand 2. 16 points bid 4 no trump.
 - Partner should bid 6 no trump with 17 points.
 - Partner should pass with less than 17 points.

Hand 3

- QJ82
- **Q** 10 7
- **Q**9
- ♣ A Q 8

- Partner opens 2 no trump (20-21)
- Hand 3. 13 points. Bid
 4 no trump.
 - Partner will bid 6 no trump with 21 points.
 - Partner will pass with 20 points.

- Hand 4
- QJ82
- **Q** 10 7
- **Q**9
- ♣ A Q 6

- The bidding: 2 ...
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- Hand 4. 13 points. Bid
 5 no trump.
 - Partner will bid 7 no trump with 24 points.
 - Partner will pass with less than 24 points.

Hand 5

- ♠ K872
- **9** 10 9 7
- **9** 7
- ♣ K852

- Partner opens 3n (25
 27). Hand 5: 6 points
 bid 4nt.
- Partner will bid 6 no trump if he has 27 points.
- Partner will pass with less then 27 points.