

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 6 5 2  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ 9 5 2  
 ♣ A 8 5 3

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A Q T 8 3

♦ 8 7

♣ K Q 6

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ J 8  
 ♥ 6 4 2  
 ♦ A T 6 4  
 ♣ J T 4 2

♠ A K 3  
 ♥ K J 9 5  
 ♦ K Q J 3  
 ♣ 9 7

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

5♥ by North

Baker Jacoby 17  
 It is your bid.

Partner's bid is game forcing. With a bare minimum, no singletons, you go ahead and sign off in game. Partner then says 4♠. What do you bid next?

Partner is definitely showing slam interest. If you had a first round control in either Minor suit you would bid it now. But you don't. So you sign off again, this time at 5♥. Partner finally gives up on the idea of slam and passes.

**Board 2**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ -  
 ♥ Q J T 8 7 2  
 ♦ A 4  
 ♣ J 7 6 3 2

♠ K Q J 4 2

♥ -

♦ 9 7 5 3

♣ K Q 8 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 6

♥ A K 6 4 3  
 ♦ 8 6 2  
 ♣ T 9 5

♠ A 9 8 7 5 3  
 ♥ 9 5  
 ♦ K Q J T  
 ♣ A

Baker Jacoby 18  
 It is your bid.

You want to force partner to game while you describe your hand. So you make a Splinter Bid of 4♥.

Partner replies 5♣. What do you bid next?

Partner has the ♣A. Good. You are pretty worried about ♦s and also your 11 high card points. You are tempted to just sign off at 5♠ but you shouldn't. You can make a control-bid below the 5♠ level. So you bid 5♥. This tells partner that your Splinter must have been a ♥ void. Partner bids 6♠.

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

6♠ by South

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ -  
 ♥ K J T 8 4 2  
 ♦ T 9 8 7 6  
 ♣ 9 4

♠ A J T 8 7

♥ A Q

♦ J 4

♣ A T 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 5 2  
 ♥ 9 5 3  
 ♦ 5 3 2  
 ♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ K Q 6 4 3  
 ♥ 7 6  
 ♦ A K Q  
 ♣ K Q J

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

7 ♠ by South

Baker Jacoby 19  
 It is your bid.

With 17 points you need to indicate a better than minimum opening. You have no singletons and just a 5-card trump suit so you bid 3NT. Partner says 4♦ and it is your bid again.

Partner's 4♦ bid shows first round control (surely the Ace). You bid 4♥, showing your first round control. Partner now says 4NT. What do you bid?

You are being Blackwooded, and with three Aces you reply 5♠. That was apparently just what South wanted to hear, so he bid 7♠.

**Board 4**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K Q T 8

♥ 9 6

♦ 5 3

♣ J 8 5 4

♠ 9 6

♥ K Q J 3

♦ A Q 7 6 4

♣ T 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 5 2

♥ 7 4

♦ T 9 8 2

♣ A 7 6 3

♠ 7 4 3

♥ A T 8 5 2

♦ K J

♣ K Q 9

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

4♥ by North

**Baker Jacoby 20**  
It is your bid.

You were all set to give a Jacoby 2NT response when West stuck in his 1♠ overcall. Now you can't because Jacoby is off after opponents interfere. Fortunately you have another bid at your disposal. You say 2♠, showing good ♥s and a limit raise or better. Partner bids 3♥. What do you say now?

Partner didn't have enough to bid game, not knowing if you had more than 11 points. But you know you have opening hand so you bid 4♥.