

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ A 9 7 4 3
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 9 7 4 2



♠ A Q J 10 8
♥ Q J 2
♦ 8 4
♣ Q 5 3

♠ 9 3 2
♥ 8 5
♦ K J 10 7 6
♣ A J 6

♠ K 7 6 4
♥ K 10 6
♦ A 9 5 3
♣ K 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

It is your bid.

You open 1 ♠ and partner responds 2 NT.
What do you say next?

With a minimum hand and no singletons
you bid the game immediately. Partner
has nothing to add so he passes.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4 3
♥ A 10
♦ Q 10 9 2
♣ J 10 7 2

13
7 6
14

♠ A 10 8 7

♥ K J 9 5

♦ 8 4

♣ K Q 3

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♠ 5
♥ Q 8 7 4 3 2
♦ A 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

♠ K Q J 6 2
♥ 6
♦ K J 7 5
♣ A 8 4

West North East South

1 ♠

Pass 2 NT Pass 3 ♥

Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

It is your bid.

With 14 points and good 4-card support you bid a Jacoby 2 NT. Partner next bids 3 ♥. What do you say now?

You couldn't hear much worse news. Partner has a singleton ♥ so your ♥ K J are not worth very much. You have nothing to do but return to the trump suit so you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
♥ 10 9 7 2
♦ A 9
♣ A 9 7 6 3 2

♠ A K 10 8 7

♥ K Q 5

♦ J 10 8 4

♣ 8



♠ 6 3 2
♥ 8 4
♦ Q 6 5 3 2
♣ Q J 5

♠ Q J 9 5
♥ A J 6 3
♦ K 7
♣ K 10 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

It is your bid.

You have just a little extra so you bid 3 ♣ to show a singleton. Partner says 3 ♥ and it is your bid again.

Partner's bid means he has first round ♥ control, obviously the ♥ A. But it also denies holding the ♦ A since control bids are made up-the-line. You show your lack of a Minor suit Ace by returning to 3 ♠. Partner signs off at game.

You could equally have just bid 4 ♠ yourself.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6
♥ A Q 10 8 6 3
♦ 3
♣ 9 7 6 4 2

♠ K 9 4 3
♥ 7 2
♦ K Q J 9 5
♣ K J

13
6 5
16

♠ 7 5 2
♥ J 9 5
♦ A 10 7 6 2
♣ 10 5

♠ A Q J 10 8
♥ K 4
♦ 8 4
♣ A Q 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

It is your bid.

With opening hand and 4-card ♠ support this is an ideal Jacoby 2 NT response. Partner says 3 NT.

South has some extra strength and a 5-card ♠ suit. This is the point in the bidding where you would make a control bid, showing an Ace. Well, you would if you actually had an Ace. The way you indicate your lack of a control is to just return the the agreed trump suit. So you bid 4 ♠ and partner passes.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 2
♥ A Q 6 3
♦ 9 7
♣ 9 7 6 5 2

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6 7
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	N	
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	S	

♠ 4
♥ 10 9 8 5 2
♦ A J 10 3 2
♣ Q 4

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ J 7
♦ K Q 6 5
♣ K J 8

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

It is your bid.

You show an above minimum hand with 6 trumps by bidding 3 ♠. Partner bids 4 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would have shown a red Ace if he had one. Since he doesn't have one, all thoughts of slam are off. You pass.

Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

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

♠ A 6 5
 ♥ A 10 7 5 4
 ♦ A 7
 ♣ 8 6 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ Q J 8 7
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ 10 9 8 4
 ♣ K Q 4

West North East South
 Pass 2 NT Pass 1 ♥
 Pass Pass Pass 4 ♥
 4 ♥ by South

It is your bid.

With 15 points and four of partner's suit you naturally bid 2 NT. Partner now jumps to 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner's rebid of 4 ♥ is not strong. He is using the Principle of Fast Arrival to indicate a minimum opening hand. Since you have nothing extra you pass quietly.

Deal 7

North Deals
None Vul

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



♠ 9 6 5 4	♦ 5 4 3
♦ 10 4	♣ A Q 10 4

♠ Q J	♦ A J 10 6
♦ Q 5 2	♣ K J 7 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by North

It is your bid.

Although you could show your singleton ♣ now it is usually more informative to show a second 5-card suit. So you say 4 ♦. Partner bids 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner signed off, showing a minimum, so you have nothing further to say.

Deal 8

South Deals
None Vul

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

8	13
5	
14	

N	
W	E
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♠ 10 7 5	
♥ 4 2	
♦ A 7 5 2	
♣ J 10 6 4	

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

It is your bid.

Opening hand with 4-card trump support. You bid 2 NT. Partner rebids 3 ♦. What do you say?

The news that partner has a singleton ♦ does NOT excite you. In fact it causes your hand to devalue a lot. So you use the Principle of Fast Arrival and bid 4 ♥.

Deal 9

North Deals
None Vul

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

18	♠ 3
6 4	♥ Q 10 9 5
12	♦ A Q 3
	♣ K J 10 8 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by North			

It is your bid.

Partner's 3 ♠ bid is a Splinter, showing a singleton ♠, good trump support, and 13-16 points. You bid your first-round ♣ control, and partner replies with 4 ♦. What do you bid next?

There isn't really anything else you want to know. You think you can make slam so you bid 6 ♥.

Deal 10
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

$\begin{matrix} & 13 \\ 4 & 7 \\ 16 \end{matrix}$	♠ K 3
	♥ K J 10 9 7 4
	♦ K Q 5
	♣ A 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			



It is your bid.

You have a perfect Jacoby 2 NT raise. Partner's rebid is 3 ♥. What is your next bid?

When partner shows an above average opener it is your duty to make a control bid if you can. So you bid 3 ♠. Partner now bids 4 NT and it is your turn.

This is Blackwood. You respond 5 ♥ for two Aces and partner bids the slam.

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10
♥ J 10 8 7 2
♦ Q J 9 4 3
♣ Q 5

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♠ 4
♥ 6 5 4
♦ 6 5 2
♣ K J 10 7 3 2

♠ K J 9 8 7 5 2
♥ K Q 3
♦ A K
♣ 8

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 NT by North

It is your bid.

Partner has at least opening hand and he has 4 ♠s. There is only one thing you need to know - how many Aces he has. You bid Blackwood 4 NT and he responds 5 ♠. What is your next bid?

The three Aces does it for you. You can count 7 ♠ tricks, 3 ♥ tricks, 2 ♦ tricks and 1 ♣. That is 13 total so you go ahead and bid 7 NT.

Deal 12

South Deals	♠ 9		
None Vul	♥ K Q 8 5		
	♦ A 9 7 2		
	♣ K 7 4 3		
♠ A Q 8 4 2	♠ K J 10 3		
♥ 7 3	♥ 4 2		
♦ 10 8 5	♦ J 6 4 3		
♣ J 9 8	♣ Q 10 2		
	♠ 7 6 5		
12 7 7 14	♥ A J 10 9 6		
	♦ K Q		
	♣ A 6 5		
West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

It is your bid.

You have an opening hand with four of partner's Major suit so naturally you want to force to game. Although you could bid a Jacoby 2 NT, the presence of the singleton ♠ makes a Splinter Bid more attractive. So you double-jump to 3 ♠. Partner now bids 4 ♣. What do you say next?

Partner's 4 ♣ bid is control showing, and indicates he is thinking slammish. You bid 4 ♦ showing your control and partner bids 6 ♥.

As you can see, South should make 12 tricks by discarding one ♣ loser on your ♦ A.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

12	♦ K 5 2
2 15	♦ A 8 6
11	♣ 9 7 4

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	2 ♣	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♠ by North			

It is your bid.

When the opponents interfere, Jacoby is off. Now a cue-bid response by partner shows a hand with good trump support, and a limit raise or better in strength. So partner might have a game forcing hand, but also might have only 11 points.

But he definitely has ♠ support. You show your minimum hand by bidding 3 ♠ and he passes.

Deal 14

South Deals	♠ K ♥ K Q 8 5 ♦ A 9 7 2 ♣ J 7 4 3		
None Vul			
♠ A J 8 4 2	♠ Q 10 9 3		
♥ 7 3	♥ 4 2		
♦ 10 8 5	♦ J 6 4 3		
♣ Q 9 8	♣ K 10 2		
	♠ 7 6 5		
13 7 6 14	♥ A J 10 9 6		
	♦ K Q		
	♣ A 6 5		
West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

It is your bid.

back to Deal 12 for a quick comparison between the two hands. Almost identical, but this time your singleton is the ♠ K. Since it is not advisable to Splinter with a singleton Ace, King or Queen you just bid 2 NT instead. Partner jumps to 4 ♥ and you pass.

Note that in this hand the three points you credited for your ♠ K are completely wasted. And although partner has the same hand as he did in Deal 12, this time there is no chance of making slam. This shows why you don't Splinter with singleton Honors.

Deal 15

North Deals	♠ 3 ♥ K Q 7 5 3 ♦ K Q J 6 ♣ A 8 6		
None Vul			
♠ A 10 8 4	♠ 9 7 6		
♥ 6	♥ 9 8 4		
♦ 10 8	♦ A 7 3 2		
♣ J 10 9 5 3 2	♣ K Q 4		
	♠ K Q J 5 2		
15 5 9 11	♥ A J 10 2 ♦ 9 5 4 ♣ 7		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
5 ♥ by North			

It is your bid.

When partner Splinters his singleton ♣ you should realize that the only thing that could keep you from making slam would be lack of Aces. So you bid 4 NT. Partner shows only one Ace so you just sign off at 5 ♥.

Deal 16

South Deals

None Vul

♠	K 9 5 4 2
♥	K 6
♦	J 4
♣	K Q 5 3

♠	—
♥	10 8 5 3 2
♦	A 9 7 6 3
♣	J 9 6

12	
5	7
16	

N	
W	E
S	

♠	Q 10
♥	J 9 4
♦	10 8 5 2
♣	A 10 4 2

♠	A J 8 7 6 3
♥	A Q 7
♦	K Q
♣	8 7

West	North	East	South
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1 ♠

Pass 2 NT

3 ♠

Pass 4 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

It is your bid.

When partner opens 1 ♠ you have a pretty normal Jacoby 2 NT response. He next says 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Your partner has a better than minimum hand with 6 ♠s. However, you have an average hand with no controls to show so you use the Principle of Fast Arrival and bid 4 ♠. Everyone passes.

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 5 2
♥ 6 4
♦ A 6 5 2
♣ 8 4 3

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	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 7 4
♥ A Q 10 8 3
♦ 8 7
♣ K Q 6

♠ 10 8 6
♥ 7 2
♦ 10 9 4
♣ A J 10 5 2

♠ A K 3
♥ K J 9 5
♦ K Q J 3
♣ 9 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

5 ♥ by North

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.

Deal 18

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6

♥ A J 10 7 4 3

♦ A 8 4

♣ 7 6 3

♠ K Q J 4 2

♥ —

♦ 9 7 5 3

♣ K Q 8 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

 ♠ A 9 8 7 5 3
 ♥ 9 5
 ♦ K Q J 10
 ♣ A

West North East South

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

Pass

5 ♣

6 ♣

6 ♣ by South

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 ♠.

Deal 19

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ K 9 4
♦ 10 9 2
♣ 9 7 6 4 2

16
3 1
20

♠ A J 10 8 7

♥ A Q

♦ J 4

♣ A 10 8 3

W	N	E	S
♠ 2	♥ J 10 8 5 3 2	♦ 8 7 6 5 3	♣ 5

♠ K Q 6 4 3
♥ 7 6
♦ A K Q
♣ K Q J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	7 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
7 ♠ by North			

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 3 NT. 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 4 NT. 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 ♠.

Deal 20

South Deals	♠ 9 6		
None Vul	♥ K Q J 3		
	♦ A Q 7 6 4		
	♣ 10 2		
♠ A K Q 10 8 2	♠ J 5		
♥ 7 6 4	♥ 9		
♦ 3	♦ 10 9 8 5 2		
♣ 7 5 3	♣ A J 8 6 4		
	♠ 7 4 3		
12 9 6	♥ A 10 8 5 2		
13	♦ K J		
	♣ K Q 9		
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass			Pass
4 ♥ by South			

It is your bid.

You were all set to give a Jacoby 2 NT 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 ♥.

Deal 21

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J
 ♥ 3
 ♦ J 6 5 4 2
 ♣ J 10 8 4 2

16
 5 7
 12

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 9 2
 ♥ A K Q 7 4
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A 9 6 3

♠ 10 8 6 4 3
 ♥ 10 2
 ♦ Q 10 8
 ♣ K Q 5

♠ A 7 5
 ♥ J 9 8 6 5
 ♦ A K 9 3
 ♣ 7

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass

Pass
6 ♥ by North

It is your bid.

Partner's Splinter Bid in ♣s has really made your hand look good. With no losers in trumps or ♣s you need to find out about the other two suits. So you invoke Blackwood and partner replies 5 ♥. What do you bid next?

If partner can take care of your three ♣ losers you will have just one ♠ loser at most. So you bid 6 ♥. Maybe you should have bid 7 ♥.

Deal 22

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ A K 8 7 4
 ♥ 6
 ♦ K J 6 2
 ♣ Q J 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3
 ♥ A J 9 8 5 4
 ♦ 10 9 8 7 5
 ♣ 4

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

It is your bid.

Following your Jacoby 2 NT response, partner bids 3 ♥, showing a singleton. What is your next bid?

Your ♥ holding hasn't been enhanced by partner's singleton. You feel like just signing off at 4 ♠ but since you can show the ♦ control below that level you bid 4 ♦. It didn't matter since partner now signs off at 4 ♠.

Deal 23

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J	♦ K Q	♣ K J 5
♥ A Q 8 6 4 3		
	♦ K Q	
	♣ K J 5	

♠ 9 8 6 4 2

♥ 10

♦ 10 9 8 5 2

♣ A 2

18
4 4
14

W	N	E
	S	
	♦ 7 2	
	♦ A 7 6 4	

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5 ♥		
5 ♥ by North			

It is your bid.

You have a great hand, but no singleton to show. Since you have a 6-card ♥ suit you bid 3 ♥. Partner replies 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner has control-bid the ♠ A. He may also have one or both of the Minor Aces since he would have bid the cheapest control first. You use Blackwood. He replies 5 ♦. What do you bid?

Oops. Despite all the points you are missing two Aces. So you thank Mr. Blackwood and sign off at 5 ♥.

Deal 24

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10
♥ 6
♦ 9 4 3
♣ A Q 9 8 7 4 2

♠ K 9 7 6 2
♥ A K 7 4
♦ K Q 8
♣ K

N
W E
S

♠ 4
♥ Q J 10 9 8 3 2
♦ 6 5
♣ J 10 5

18
7 4
11

♠ A Q 8 5 3
♥ 5
♦ A J 10 7 2
♣ 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass

Pass
6 ♠ by South

It is your bid.

You don't want to make a Splinter Bid with a singleton King so you content yourself with a Jacoby 2 NT bid. Partner rebids 4 ♦. What do you say next?

The 4 ♦ bid shows a 5-card ♦ suit. What you need to know now is how many Aces partner has. You bid 4 NT and he answers 5 ♥. What do you say?

He has two Aces so you bid 6 ♠.

Deal 25

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 2
♥ 8 4
♦ A 10 2
♣ 8 7 6 3 2

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	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3
♥ A 9 7 6 3 2
♦ 9 8 7 6 3
♣ 4

♠ KJ 6 4
♥ KQ 5
♦ J 4
♣ AJ 9 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4♣ by North

It is your bid.

With 18 points you want to show your extra strength. Since you have only 5 trumps you show the strength by bidding 3 NT. Partner then bids 4♣. What do you say next?

Now is the time when YOU would make a control bid. And if you had either red Ace you would do so. Since you don't have one, you have no option but to say 4♣. Partner recognizes that you are off those two Aces and passes.