

**Deal 1**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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	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 2**

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

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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 3**

North Deals

None Vul

**♠** Q J  
**♥** 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
S	E

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

**♠** 10 7 5  
**♥** 7 2  
**♦** A 7 6 4  
**♣** 9 6 4 3

<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 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

W	N	E	S
♦ 4	♦ Q J 10 9 8 3 2	♦ 6 5	♣ J 10 5
♣ A Q 8 5 3			
♦ 5			
♦ A J 10 7 2			
♣ 6 3			

18	♠ A Q 8 5 3
7 4	♦ 5
11	♦ A J 10 7 2
	♣ 6 3

West	North	East	South
			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 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 2  
♥ 8 4  
♦ A 10 2  
♣ 8 7 6 3 2

<sup>17</sup>  
4 4  
<sub>15</sub>

	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.