

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 9 5
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ A Q 3
 ♣ 9 8 7 5

5
 13 14
 8

♠ 3
 ♥ AJ 9 8 5 4
 ♦ 10 9 8 7 5
 ♣ 4

♠ A K 8 7 4
 ♥ 6
 ♦ K J 6 2
 ♣ Q J 6

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

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

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 5**♥ 7 2****♦ A 7 6 4****♣ 9 6 4 3****♠ A K 3****♥ K J 9 5****♦ J 3****♣ Q 10 8 7****♠ 9 8 6 4 2****♥ 10****♦ 10 9 8 5 2****♣ A 2****♠ Q J****14
4 4
18****♥ A Q 8 6 4 3****♦ K Q****♣ K J 5**

West North East South

1 ♥

Pass 2 NT Pass 3 ♥

Pass 3 ♠ Pass 4 NT

Pass 5 ♦ Pass 5 ♥

5 ♥ by South

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

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8 5 3	♦ 9 4 3	♣ A Q 9 8 7 4 2
♥ 5	W N E	♠ K 9 7 6 2
♦ A J 10 7 2	S	♥ A K 7 4
♣ 6 3		♦ K Q 8
		♣ K
11 7 18	4	♠ 4
		♥ Q J 10 9 8 3 2
		♦ 6 5
		♣ J 10 5

<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 West			

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

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4 4
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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.