

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 5 4

♥ K 5 2

♦ A 8 6

♣ 9 7 4

♠ 10 3

♥ Q J 7 3

♦ Q

♣ A K Q J 10 2

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

♠ K Q 9 8 7

♥ A 9 6

♦ K 10 5

♣ 5 3

11
15 2
12

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

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 2

South Deals	♠ K		
None Vul	♥ K Q 8 5		
	♦ A 9 7 2		
	♣ J 7 4 3		
♠ 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
Pass	2 NT	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♥
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 3

South Deals

None Vul

• ♣ 7

1 / 7

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

♠ 3
♥ K Q 7 5 3
♦ K Q J 6
♣ A 8 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ❤ by South

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 4

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
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	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 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 6
♥ 7 2
♦ 10 9 4
♣ A J 10 5 2

17
5 5
13

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 3
♥ K J 9 5
♦ K Q J 3
♣ 9 7

♠ J 9 5 2
♥ 6 4
♦ A 6 5 2
♣ 8 4 3

♠ Q 7 4
♥ A Q 10 8 3
♦ 8 7
♣ K Q 6

West North East South

1 ♥

Pass 2 NT Pass 4 ♥
Pass 4 ♠ Pass 5 ♥
Pass Pass Pass

5 ♥ by South

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 6

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**

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

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

West North East South

1 ♠

Pass 4 ♥ Pass 5 ♣

Pass 5 ♥ Pass 6 ♣

Pass Pass Pass

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 ♠.