

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 6 4 3

♥ 10 2

♦ Q 10 8

♣ K Q 5

12
7 5
16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A 7 5

♥ J 9 8 6 5

♦ A K 9 3

♣ 7



♠ K 9 2

♥ A K Q 7 4

♦ 7

♣ A 9 6 3

North

4 ♣

5 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 NT

6 ♥

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

13
 8 5
 14

♠ Q 10 9 5
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ A Q 3
 ♣ 9 8 7 5



♠ A K 8 7 4
 ♥ 6
 ♦ K J 6 2
 ♣ Q J 6

♠ 3
 ♥ A J 9 8 5 4
 ♦ 10 9 8 7 5
 ♣ 4

<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

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

14
4 4
18

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

4 NT

5 ♥ by South

♠ A K 3
♥ K J 9 5
♦ J 3
♣ Q 10 8 7



♠ 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

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

♠ K 9 7 6 2

♥ A K 7 4

♦ K Q 8

♣ K

♠ J 10

♥ 6

♦ 9 4 3

♣ A Q 9 8 7 4 2



♠ 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

7 4

11

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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1 ♠

Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♦
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Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
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Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
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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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 3
♥ A 9 7 6 3 2
♦ 9 8 7 6 3
♣ 4

15
4 4
17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K J 6 4
♥ K Q 5
♦ J 4
♣ A J 9 5



♠ A Q 9 7 5
♥ J 10
♦ K Q 5
♣ K Q 10

North

2 NT

4 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

3 NT

4 ♠

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.