

**Deal 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9  
♥ J 10 9 7 5  
♦ 10 9 2  
♣ Q 7 4 3

♠ A 10 6 4 3

♥ K 8

♦ K J 5

♣ K J 6

<sup>15</sup>  
3 5  
<sub>17</sub>

♠ J 8 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♥ A 6 3 2  
♦ 7 6 3  
♣ 10 9 8

♠ K Q 7 2  
♥ Q 4  
♦ A Q 8 4  
♣ A 5 2

West      North      East      South

1 ♦

Pass      1 ♠      Pass      3 ♠  
Pass      4 NT      Pass      5 ♥  
Pass      6 ♠      Pass      Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by North

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You have a good hand, but not good enough to jump-shift at your first turn. So you respond 1 ♠. Partner now jumps to 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner has 16-18 points and ♠ support. It depends on the Aces so you bid 4 NT. His answer is 5 ♥. What do you say?

You are missing one Ace but 6 ♠ should be a good slam.

**Deal 2**West Deals  
None Vul

<b>♠ K Q J</b>	<b>♠ 9 7 4 2</b>		
<b>♥ A J 4</b>	<b>♥ 10 9</b>		
<b>♦ A 10 5 3</b>	<b>♦ —</b>		
<b>♣ J 10 8</b>	<b>♣ K Q 7 6 5 4 2</b>		
	<b>♠ A 5 3</b>		
	<b>♥ K Q 5</b>		
	<b>♦ K Q J 8 7 4</b>		
	<b>♣ 9</b>		
	<b>♠ 10 8 6</b>		
<b>16 5</b>	<b>♥ 8 7 6 3 2</b>		
<b>4 15</b>	<b>♦ 9 6 2</b>		
	<b>♣ A 3</b>		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		
6 ♦ by East			

After toying with the idea of a jump to 6 NT, or perhaps a Gerber 4 ♣, you decide to bid 3 ♦. Partner rebids 4 ♦ and it is your turn.

Time to check for Aces. You bid 4 NT and partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

Tempting though it may be it is too dangerous to try 6 NT. So you bid 6 ♦ which turns out to be laydown while 6 NT would have been down 4.

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

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

**18**  
 7 8  
 7

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

N  
W E S

West      North      East      South

Pass	4 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	7 ♠	Pass	6 ♣
Pass			Pass

7 ♠ by South

You dealt this hand.

You decide to preempt 3 ♠ with this hand. Partner's eyes wobble and he jumps straight to 4 NT. What do you bid?

With 1 Ace and a void in a lower-ranking suit you should bid 6 of that suit. So you bid 6 ♣. Partner jumps again, this time to 7 ♠. What do you b . . . oh never mind.

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K Q J  
 ♥ J 9 7  
 ♦ K Q J  
 ♣ A Q J 7

4  
 20 12  
 4

*West*      *North*      *East*      *South*  
 2 NT      Pass      4♣      Pass  
 4♥      Pass      Pass      Pass  
 4♥ by West

♠ 10 9 8 6 5 4 2

♥ —

♦ A 8 7 6 3

♣ 2

W	N
S	E

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

3  
 A 2  
 10 9 5 2  
 10 9 8 5 4 3

If you play Jacoby Transfers you may think of transferring partner to ♥s, then bidding the slam. but with this hand there really is no big advantage for partner being the Declarer so you decide to just take the bull by the horns. You bid a Gerber 4♣. Partner says 4♥. What do you bid?

Partner has only a single Ace in his 2 NT opener. No slam for your team. You pass and let partner be the Declarer after all!

**Deal 5**North Deals  
None Vul

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

**14**  
**9 6**  
**11**

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ A 8 4 3  
♥ Q J 9 8 6  
♦ A 9 8 4

♣ —

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	7 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	7 ♥ by North		

Your 4 ♣ bid is a Splinter Bid, showing an opening hand with good ♥ support and either a singleton or a void in ♣s. Decide what you would reply to partner's 4 NT, then on BID above.

With 2 Aces and a void the correct response is 5 NT. Partner now bids 7 ♥. Notice how he cleverly figured out your void must be in ♣s.