

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J
♥ 3
♦ J 6 5 4 2
♣ J 10 8 4 2

16
5 7
12

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

♠ K 9 2
♥ A K Q 7 4
♦ 7
♣ A 9 6 3



♠ A 7 5
♥ J 9 8 6 5
♦ A K 9 3
♣ 7

North

1 ♥

4 NT

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♣

5 ♥

Pass

♠ 10 8 6 4 3
♥ 10 2
♦ Q 10 8
♣ K Q 5

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

West

2 NT

4 ♦

Pass

4 ♠ by East

♠ 3

♥ A J 9 8 5 4

♦ 10 9 8 7 5

♣ 4



♠ J 6 2

♥ 10 7 3 2

♦ 4

♣ A K 10 3 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ A K 8 7 4

♥ 6

♦ K J 6 2

♣ Q J 6

East

1 ♠

3 ♥

4 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8 5 3
 ♥ 5
 ♦ A J 10 7 2
 ♣ 6 3

7
 11 18
 4

West

1 ♠

4 ♦

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♠ by West

♠ J 10

♥ 6

♦ 9 4 3

♣ A Q 9 8 7 4 2

N
 W E
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♠ 4

♥ Q J 10 9 8 3 2

♦ 6 5

♣ J 10 5

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 NT

4 NT

6 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

17
 4 4
 15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 9 7 5

♥ J 10

♦ K Q 5

♣ K Q 10



♠ K J 6 4

♥ K Q 5

♦ J 4

♣ A J 9 5

North

1 ♠

3 NT

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4 ♣

Pass

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.