

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 8 7**♥ J 2****♦ 10 9 8 4****♣ K Q 4****♠ A 6 5****♥ A 10 7 5 4****♦ A 7****♣ 8 6 2****♠ 10 9 4 2****♥ 9 3****♦ 6 5 2****♣ A J 10 3****♠ K 3****♥ K Q 8 6****♦ K Q J 3****♣ 9 7 5****12
9 5
14**

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass

2 NT

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

It is your bid.

With 15 points and four of partner's suit you naturally bid 2 NT. Partner now jumps to 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner's rebid of 4 ♥ is not strong. He is using the Principle of Fast Arrival to indicate a minimum opening hand. Since you have nothing extra you pass quietly.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J
 ♥ A J 10 6
 ♦ Q 5 2
 ♣ K J 7 3

7
 14 13
 6

♠ A K 10 8 2

♥ 8

♦ 7 6 3

♣ 9 8 6 2



♠ 7 3
 ♥ K Q 9 7 2
 ♦ A K J 9 8
 ♣ 5

♠ 9 6 5 4
 ♥ 5 4 3
 ♦ 10 4
 ♣ A Q 10 4

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

It is your bid.

Although you could show your singleton ♣ now it is usually more informative to show a second 5-card suit. So you say 4 ♦. Partner bids 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner signed off, showing a minimum, so you have nothing further to say.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

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

8	13
5	
14	

N	
W	E
S	

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

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

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

It is your bid.

Opening hand with 4-card trump support. You bid 2 NT. Partner rebids 3 ♦. What do you say?

The news that partner has a singleton ♦ does NOT excite you. In fact it causes your hand to devalue a lot. So you use the Principle of Fast Arrival and bid 4 ♥.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 4
♥ A K J 8 4
♦ K J 10
♣ A Q

18 **4**
6 **12**

♠ K J 8 5

♥ 6 2

♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ 9 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3
♥ Q 10 9 5
♦ A Q 3
♣ K J 10 8 3

♠ A Q 7 6 2
♥ 7 3
♦ 8 7 5
♣ 7 5 4

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 ♥ by West			

It is your bid.

Partner's 3 ♠ bid is a Splinter, showing a singleton ♠, good trump support, and 13-16 points. You bid your first-round ♣ control, and partner replies with 4 ♦. What do you bid next?

There isn't really anything else you want to know. You think you can make slam so you bid 6 ♥.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 5 4
♥ 8 2
♦ A 7 6
♣ Q J 4

16
7 4
13

♠ K 3
♥ K J 10 9 7 4
♦ K Q 5
♣ A 9

♠ J 10
♥ 6
♦ 10 4 3 2
♣ K 8 6 5 3 2

♠ A Q 6 2
♥ A Q 5 3
♦ J 9 8
♣ 10 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by North			

It is your bid.

You have a perfect Jacoby 2 NT raise. Partner's rebid is 3 ♥. What is your next bid?

When partner shows an above average opener it is your duty to make a control bid if you can. So you bid 3 ♠. Partner now bids 4 NT and it is your turn.

This is Blackwood. You respond 5 ♥ for two Aces and partner bids the slam.