

Deal 1

South Deals	♠ A 7 5
None Vul	♥ J 9 8 6 5
	♦ A K 9 3
	♣ 7
♠ 10 8 6 4 3	♠ Q J
♥ 10 2	♥ 3
♦ Q 10 8	♦ J 6 5 4 2
♣ K Q 5	♣ J 10 8 4 2



12
7 5
16

♣ A 9 6 3

West North East South
1 ♥

Pass 4 ♣ Pass 4 NT
Pass 5 ♥ Pass 6 ♥
Pass Pass Pass

6 ♥ by South

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

	N		E	
W				S
	3			
	A J 9 8 5 4			
	10 9 8 7 5			
	4			

♠ A K 8 7 4
♥ 6
♦ K J 6 2
♣ Q J 6

West	North	East	South
			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

	N		E	
W				S

♠ A K 3
♥ K J 9 5
♦ J 3
♣ Q 10 8 7

♠ 9 8 6 4 2
♥ 10
♦ 10 9 8 5 2
♣ A 2

♠ Q J
♥ A Q 8 6 4 3
♦ K Q
♣ K J 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥

5 ♥ by South

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

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

♠ 4	♦ Q J 10 9 8 3 2
W E	♦ 6 5
S	♣ J 10 5

♠ A Q 8 5 3

18	♥ 5
7 4	♦ A J 10 7 2
11	♣ 6 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 NT	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	5 ♥
Pass			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	♦ K J 6 4
♥ A 9 7 6 3 2	♦ K Q 5
♦ 9 8 7 6 3	♦ J 4
♣ 4	♣ A J 9 5

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

W	N	E	S
♠ 10 8 2	♦ 8 4	♦ A 10 2	♣ 8 7 6 3 2

15	♠ A Q 9 7 5
4 4	♦ J 10
17	♦ K Q 5
	♣ K Q 10

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠

Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♣ by South

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.