

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 3 2

♥ 8 5

♦ K J 10 7 6

♣ A J 6

13
9 6
12

♠ K 7 6 4

♥ K 10 6

♦ A 9 5 3

♣ K 8



♠ A Q J 10 8

♥ Q J 2

♦ 8 4

♣ Q 5 3

♠ 5

♥ A 9 7 4 3

♦ Q 2

♣ 10 9 7 4 2

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 NT

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

It is your bid.

You open 1 ♠ and partner responds 2 NT.
What do you say next?

With a minimum hand and no singletons
you bid the game immediately. Partner
has nothing to add so he passes.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 4 3
♥ A 10
♦ Q 10 9 2
♣ J 10 7 2

13
7 6
14

♠ A 10 8 7
♥ K J 9 5
♦ 8 4
♣ K Q 3



♠ K Q J 6 2
♥ 6
♦ K J 7 5
♣ A 8 4

♠ 5
♥ Q 8 7 4 3 2
♦ A 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

<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.

With 14 points and good 4-card support you bid a Jacoby 2 NT. Partner next bids 3 ♥. What do you say now?

You couldn't hear much worse news. Partner has a singleton ♥ so your ♥ K J are not worth very much. You have nothing to do but return to the trump suit so you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 3 2
♥ 8 4
♦ Q 6 5 3 2
♣ Q J 5

14
5 8
13

♠ Q J 9 5
♥ A J 6 3
♦ K 7
♣ K 10 4



♠ A K 10 8 7
♥ K Q 5
♦ J 10 8 4
♣ 8

♠ 4
♥ 10 9 7 2
♦ A 9
♣ A 9 7 6 3 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

It is your bid.

You have just a little extra so you bid 3 ♣ to show a singleton. Partner says 3 ♥ and it is your bid again.

Partner's bid means he has first round ♥ control, obviously the ♥ A. But it also denies holding the ♦ A since control bids are made up-the-line. You show your lack of a Minor suit Ace by returning to 3 ♠. Partner signs off at game.

You could equally have just bid 4 ♠ yourself.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 4 3

♥ 7 2

♦ K Q J 9 5

♣ K J

♠ 6

♥ A Q 10 8 6 3

♦ 3

♣ 9 7 6 4 2



♠ 7 5 2

♥ J 9 5

♦ A 10 7 6 2

♣ 10 5

♠ A Q J 10 8

♥ K 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A Q 8 3

13
6 5
16

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

It is your bid.

With opening hand and 4-card ♠ support this is an ideal Jacoby 2 NT response. Partner says 3 NT.

South has some extra strength and a 5-card ♠ suit. This is the point in the bidding where you would make a control bid, showing an Ace. Well, you would if you actually had an Ace. The way you indicate your lack of a control is to just return the the agreed trump suit. So you bid 4 ♠ and partner passes.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4

♥ 10 9 8 5 2

♦ A J 10 3 2

♣ Q 4

13
7 6
14

♠ K 9 7 3

♥ J 7

♦ K Q 6 5

♣ K J 8

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♠ A Q J 10 8 5

♥ K 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 10 3

♠ 6 2

♥ A Q 6 3

♦ 9 7

♣ 9 7 6 5 2

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by South

Pass

It is your bid.

You show an above minimum hand with 6 trumps by bidding 3 ♠. Partner bids 4 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would have shown a red Ace if he had one. Since he doesn't have one, all thoughts of slam are off. You pass.