

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
 ♥ A 9 7 4 3
 ♦ Q 2
 ♣ 10 9 7 4 2

12
 6 9
 13

♠ A Q J 10 8

♥ Q J 2

♦ 8 4

♣ Q 5 3



♠ K 7 6 4

♥ K 10 6

♦ A 9 5 3

♣ K 8

♠ 9 3 2

♥ 8 5

♦ K J 10 7 6

♣ A J 6

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

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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 4
 ♥ 10 9 7 2
 ♦ A 9
 ♣ A 9 7 6 3 2

13
 8 5
 14

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



♠ Q J 9 5
 ♥ A J 6 3
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ K 10 4

♠ 6 3 2
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ Q 6 5 3 2
 ♣ Q J 5

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

4 ♠ by North

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.