

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

**20**  
**5 4**  
**11**

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

You dealt this hand.

You aren't strong enough to open 2 ♣ so you bid 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you say?

Partner's limit-raise shows 11-12 points and you revalue your hand up to 22. So you are definitely in slam territory. You hope partner has 2 Aces but you cannot use Blackwood with that worthless doubleton in ♦s. Instead you make a control-showing bid of 4 ♣. Partner then bids 4 ♥. What do you bid next?

The good news is that partner's control-showing bid says he has the ♥ A. The bad news is that he bypassed ♦s so he does not have the ♦ A. Since you may have 2 quick losers in ♦s you sign off at 4 ♠.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

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

**16**  
**3 4**  
**17**

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	4 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	6 NT
6 NT by South			

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You have a textbook 1 NT opener, so you open 1 NT. Partner says 4 NT. What do you bid?

THIS IS NOT BLACKWOOD. Partner's bid is the Quantitative 4 NT. He has 16 points and is inviting you to bid slam if you have a maximum opener, but to pass with a minimum. Since your 17 point hand is at the top of the 1 NT range you accept the invitation and bid 6 NT.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

**12**  
7 5  
**16**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by North

♠ 9 6 4  
♥ AJ 9 5 3  
♦ A Q J 3  
♣ 7

W	N	E	S
♠ K Q J 8 3	♠ 7 5 2	♥ —	♦ K 5 4 2
♥ K 8 7 6 4	♣ Q 10 9 8 3 2	♦ 7	♣ A K

You COULD make a Splinter Bid with this hand. You have a singleton ♦ and great trump support. However it is usually not worthwhile Splintering when you have the strong hand that will be taking control. Since what you really want to know is how many Aces partner has you just ask him with a 4 NT bid. Partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

Missing one Ace you bid 6 ♥.

**Deal 4**North Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>17</sup>  
 5 3  
<sub>15</sub>

	N		E	
W		S		
	♦ 9		♥ J 10 9 7 5	
	♣ 9		♦ 10 9 2	
	♣ Q 7 4 3			

♠ A 10 6 4 3  
 ♥ K 8  
 ♦ K J 5  
 ♣ K J 6

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♠ by South

Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You have a good hand, but not good enough to jump-shift at your first turn. So you respond 1 ♠. Partner now jumps to 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner has 16-18 points and ♠ support. It depends on the Aces so you bid 4 NT. His answer is 5 ♥. What do you say?

You are missing one Ace but 6 ♠ should be a good slam.

**Deal 5**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 5 3
♥ K Q 5
♦ K Q J 8 7 4
♣ 9

♠ 9 7 4 2
♥ 10 9
♦ —
♣ K Q 7 6 5 4 2

15
5 4
16

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 6
♥ 8 7 6 3 2
♦ 9 6 2
♣ A 3

♠ K Q J
♥ A J 4
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ J 10 8

West	North	East	South
			1 NT

Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	Pass

Pass

6 ♦ by North

After toying with the idea of a jump to 6 NT, or perhaps a Gerber 4 ♣, you decide to bid 3 ♦. Partner rebids 4 ♦ and it is your turn.

Time to check for Aces. You bid 4 NT and partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

Tempting though it may be it is too dangerous to try 6 NT. So you bid 6 ♦ which turns out to be laydown while 6 NT would have been down 4.

**Deal 6**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

**18**  
7 8  
7

<p>♠ K 10 7 4 2 ♥ A K ♦ A ♣ K J 8 6 3</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ Q 10 7 5 3 2 ♦ — ♣ A Q 10 9 7 5 2</p>
<p>♠ A Q J 9 8 5 3 ♥ 9 6 4 ♦ 8 7 3 ♣ —</p>	

N  
W E  
S

*West      North      East      South*

Pass      4 NT      Pass      6 ♣  
Pass      7 ♠      Pass      Pass

Pass  
7 ♠ by South

You dealt this hand.

You decide to preempt 3 ♠ with this hand. Partner's eyes wobble and he jumps straight to 4 NT. What do you bid?

With 1 Ace and a void in a lower-ranking suit you should bid 6 of that suit. So you bid 6 ♣. Partner jumps again, this time to 7 ♠. What do you b . . . oh never mind.