

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

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 8 7
♥ K J 9 5
♦ 8 4
♣ K Q 3

6
13 14
7

West

2 NT

4 ♠

4 ♠ by East

♠ 5

♥ Q 8 7 4 3 2

♦ A 6 3

♣ 9 6 5



♠ 9 4 3

♥ A 10

♦ Q 10 9 2

♣ J 10 7 2

North

Pass

Pass

♠ K Q J 6 2

♥ 6

♦ K J 7 5

♣ A 8 4

East

1 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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*

Pass

2 NT

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by South

Pass

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

West Deals
None Vul

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

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

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

It is your bid.

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

West 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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 2
 ♥ A Q 6 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ 9 7 6 5 2

14
 6 7
 13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A Q J 10 8 5

♥ K 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A 10 3



♠ K 9 7 3

♥ J 7

♦ K Q 6 5

♣ K J 8

North

1 ♠

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4 ♠

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.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 3
 ♥ K Q 8 6
 ♦ K Q J 3
 ♣ 9 7 5

9
 14 12
 5

West

2 NT

Pass

4 ♥ by East

♠ Q J 8 7

♥ J 2

♦ 10 9 8 4

♣ K Q 4



♠ 10 9 4 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 6 5 2

♣ A J 10 3

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

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.