

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ A 9 7 4 3
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 9 7 4 2

♠ A Q J 10 8

♥ Q J 2

♦ 8 4

♣ Q 5 3

12
6 9
13

♠ 9 3 2
♥ 8 5
♦ K J 10 7 6
♣ A J 6

♠ K 7 6 4
♥ K 10 6
♦ A 9 5 3
♣ K 8



<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

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♠ 5
♥ Q 8 7 4 3 2
♦ A 6 3
♣ 9 6 5

♠ K Q J 6 2
♥ 6
♦ K J 7 5
♣ A 8 4

West North East South

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

♠ A K 10 8 7

♥ K Q 5

♦ J 10 8 4

♣ 8



♠ 6 3 2
♥ 8 4
♦ Q 6 5 3 2
♣ Q J 5

♠ Q J 9 5
♥ A J 6 3
♦ K 7
♣ K 10 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	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

♠ 6
♥ A Q 10 8 6 3
♦ 3
♣ 9 7 6 4 2

♠ K 9 4 3
♥ 7 2
♦ K Q J 9 5
♣ K J

13
6 5
16

♠ 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

West *North* *East* *South*

Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 2
♥ A Q 6 3
♦ 9 7
♣ 9 7 6 5 2

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6 7
¹³

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 4
♥ 10 9 8 5 2
♦ A J 10 3 2
♣ Q 4

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ J 7
♦ K Q 6 5
♣ K J 8

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

4 ♠ by North

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

South Deals
None Vul

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

♠ A 6 5
 ♥ A 10 7 5 4
 ♦ A 7
 ♣ 8 6 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ Q J 8 7
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ 10 9 8 4
 ♣ K Q 4

West North East South
 Pass 2 NT Pass 1 ♥
 Pass Pass Pass 4 ♥
 4 ♥ by South

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.