

**Deal 1**  
East Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
9 6  
12

♠ 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

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

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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**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

<b>♠ 6 3 2</b> <b>♥ 8 4</b> <b>♦ Q 6 5 3 2</b> <b>♣ Q J 5</b>  <b>14</b> <b>5 8</b> <b>13</b>	<b>♠ Q J 9 5</b> <b>♥ A J 6 3</b> <b>♦ K 7</b> <b>♣ K 10 4</b>  <b>♠ 4</b> <b>♥ 10 9 7 2</b> <b>♦ A 9</b> <b>♣ A 9 7 6 3 2</b>  <b>♠ A K 10 8 7</b> <b>♥ K Q 5</b> <b>♦ J 10 8 4</b> <b>♣ 8</b>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			<b>1 ♠</b>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	<b>3 ♣</b>
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	<b>3 ♠</b>
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
<b>4 ♠ by South</b>			

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
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**

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

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

4 ♠ by South

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.