

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J T
♥ J 8 7 3
♦ 9 7 4 3 2
♣ K 6

♠ K Q 9 8 7

♥ A 9 6

♦ K T 5

♣ 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3 2
♥ Q T 4
♦ Q J
♣ A Q J T 8 2

♠ A 6 5 4
♥ K 5 2
♦ A 8 6
♣ 9 7 4

West	North	East	South
	1♠	2♣	3♣
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

3 ♠ by North

Baker Jacoby 13
It is your bid.

When the opponents interfere, Jacoby is off. Now a cue-bid response by partner shows a hand with good trump support, and a limit raise or better in strength. So partner might have a game forcing hand, but also might have only 11 points.

But he definitely has ♠ support. You show your minimum hand by bidding 3♠ and he passes.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K
♥ K Q 8 5
♦ A 9 7 2
♣ J 7 4 3

♠ A T 2

♥ 7 4

♦ J T 8 5

♣ Q 9 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 6 5
♥ A J T 9 6
♦ K Q
♣ A 6 5

♠ Q J 9 8 4 3
♥ 3 2
♦ 6 4 3
♣ K T

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

4♥ by East

Baker Jacoby 14
It is your bid.

back to Deal 12 for a quick comparison between the two hands. Almost identical, but this time your singleton is the ♠K. Since it is not advisable to Splinter with a singleton Ace, King or Queen you just bid 2NT instead. Partner jumps to 4♥ and you pass.

Note that in this hand the three points you credited for your ♠K are completely wasted. And although partner has the same hand as he did in Deal 12, this time there is no chance of making slam. This shows why you don't Splinter with singleton Honors.

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A T 6

♥ 6 4

♦ A T 8 7 2

♣ J 4 3

♠ K Q J 5 2

♥ A J T 2

♦ 9 5 4

♣ 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 8 7 4

♥ 9 8

♦ 3

♣ K Q T 9 5 2

♠ 3

♥ K Q 7 5 3

♦ K Q J 6

♣ A 8 6

Baker Jacoby 15

It is your bid.

When partner Splinters his singleton ♣ you should realize that the only thing that could keep you from making slam would be lack of Aces. So you bid 4NT. Partner shows only one Ace so you just sign off at 5♥.

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

5♥ by South

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A J 8 7 6 3

♥ A Q 7

♦ K Q

♣ 8 7

♠ Q

♥ J 9 5 4 3 2

♦ T 2

♣ A 9 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 9 5 4 2

♥ K 6

♦ J 4

♣ K Q 5 3

♠ T

♥ T 8

♦ A 9 8 7 6 5 3

♣ J T 2

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

4 ♠ by East

Baker Jacoby 16
It is your bid.

When partner opens 1♠ you have a pretty normal Jacoby 2NT response. He next says 3♠. What do you bid?

Your partner has a better than minimum hand with 6 ♠s. However, you have an average hand with no controls to show so you use the Principle of Fast Arrival and bid 4♠. Everyone passes.

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 9 6 5 2
 ♥ 7
 ♦ 9 5 2
 ♣ A 8 5 3

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A Q T 8 3

♦ 8 7

♣ K Q 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 8
 ♥ 6 4 2
 ♦ A T 6 4
 ♣ J T 4 2

♠ A K 3
 ♥ K J 9 5
 ♦ K Q J 3
 ♣ 9 7

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

5♥ by North

Baker Jacoby 17
 It is your bid.

Partner's bid is game forcing. With a bare minimum, no singletons, you go ahead and sign off in game. Partner then says 4♠. What do you bid next?

Partner is definitely showing slam interest. If you had a first round control in either Minor suit you would bid it now. But you don't. So you sign off again, this time at 5♥. Partner finally gives up on the idea of slam and passes.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J 4 2
♥ -
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ K Q 8 4

♠ T 6

♥ A K 6 4 3

♦ 8 6 2

♣ T 9 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 8 7 5 3
♥ 9 5
♦ K Q J T
♣ A

♠ -
♥ Q J T 8 7 2
♦ A 4
♣ J 7 6 3 2

Baker Jacoby 18
It is your bid.

You want to force partner to game while you describe your hand. So you make a Splinter Bid of 4♥. Partner replies 5♣. What do you bid next?

Partner has the ♣A. Good. You are pretty worried about ♦s and also your 11 high card points. You are tempted to just sign off at 5♠ but you shouldn't. You can make a control-bid below the 5♠ level. So you bid 5♥. This tells partner that your Splinter must have been a ♥ void. Partner bids 6♠.

West	North	East	South
		1♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

6♠ by East