

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 3
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ K 2
♣ A J T 4 2

♠ A Q J T 8

♥ Q J 2

♦ 8 4

♣ Q 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 5 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ Q J T 7 6
♣ 9 7 6

♠ K 7 6 4
♥ K T 6
♦ A 9 5 3
♣ K 8

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Jacoby 1
It is your bid.

You open 1♠ and partner responds 2NT. 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.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 5 4
♥ Q 8 4 3 2
♦ A T 6 2
♣ 9

♠ A T 8 7

♥ K J 9 5

♦ 8 4

♣ K Q 3

	N		♠ 3
W		♥ A T 7	
	E		♦ Q 9 3
	S		♣ J T 7 6 5 2

♠ K Q J 6 2
♥ 6
♦ K J 7 5
♣ A 8 4

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Jacoby 2
It is your bid.

With 14 points and good 4-card support you bid a Jacoby 2NT. 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♠.

Board 3

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6
♥ 9 8
♦ Q 6 5 2
♣ A J 7 6 3 2

♠ A K T 8 7

♥ K Q 5

♦ J T 8 4

♣ 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 4 3 2
♥ T 7 4 2
♦ A 9 3
♣ Q 9 5

♠ Q J 9 5
♥ A J 6 3
♦ K 7
♣ K T 4

Baker Jacoby 3
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.

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

4 ♠ by South

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 5 2

♥ T 6 3

♦ A 3

♣ T 9 7 5 4

♠ K 9 4 3

♥ 7 2

♦ K Q J 9 5

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6

♥ A Q J 9 8 5

♦ T 7 6 2

♣ 6 2

♠ A Q J T 8

♥ K 4

♦ 8 4

♣ A Q 8 3

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

Pass

4♠

All Pass

Baker Jacoby 4

It is your bid.

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

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.

4 ♠ by North