

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

<b>18</b>	♠ 3
6 4	♥ Q 10 9 5
12	♦ A Q 3
	♣ K J 10 8 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by North			

It is your bid.

Partner's 3 ♠ bid is a Splinter, showing a singleton ♠, good trump support, and 13-16 points. You bid your first-round ♣ control, and partner replies with 4 ♦. What do you bid next?

There isn't really anything else you want to know. You think you can make slam so you bid 6 ♥.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

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

7  
13 16  
4

West

♠ 9 8 7 5 4

♥ 8 2

♦ A 7 6

♣ Q J 4

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

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

North East South

2 NT	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

6 ♥ by East

It is your bid.

You have a perfect Jacoby 2 NT raise. Partner's rebid is 3 ♥. What is your next bid?

When partner shows an above average opener it is your duty to make a control bid if you can. So you bid 3 ♠. Partner now bids 4 NT and it is your turn.

This is Blackwood. You respond 5 ♥ for two Aces and partner bids the slam.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 8 7 5 2

♥ K Q 3

♦ A K

♣ 8

♠ 4

♥ 6 5 4

♦ 6 5 2

♣ K J 10 7 3 2



♠ 10

♥ J 10 8 7 2

♦ Q J 9 4 3

♣ Q 5

16

4

14

♠ A Q 6 3

♥ A 9

♦ 10 8 7

♣ A 9 6 4

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 NT

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♠

Pass

7 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

7 NT by South

It is your bid.

Partner has at least opening hand and he has 4 ♠s. There is only one thing you need to know - how many Aces he has. You bid Blackwood 4 NT and he responds 5 ♠. What is your next bid?

The three Aces does it for you. You can count 7 ♠ tricks, 3 ♥ tricks, 2 ♦ tricks and 1 ♣. That is 13 total so you go ahead and bid 7 NT.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 5  
♥ A J 10 9 6  
♦ K Q  
♣ A 6 5

7  
14 12  
7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

6 ♥ by West

♠ A Q 8 4 2

♥ 7 3

♦ 10 8 5

♣ J 9 8

W	N
S	E

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

♠ K J 10 3  
♥ 4 2  
♦ J 6 4 3  
♣ Q 10 2

It is your bid.

You have an opening hand with four of partner's Major suit so naturally you want to force to game. Although you could bid a Jacoby 2 NT, the presence of the singleton ♠ makes a Splinter Bid more attractive. So you double-jump to 3 ♠. Partner now bids 4 ♣. What do you say next?

Partner's 4 ♣ bid is control showing, and indicates he is thinking slammish. You bid 4 ♦ showing your control and partner bids 6 ♥.

As you can see, West should make 12 tricks by discarding one ♣ loser on your ♦ A.