

**Deal 1**

North Deals	♠ 7 3		
None Vul	♥ K Q 9 7 2		
	♦ A K J 9 8		
	♣ 5		
♠ A K 10 8 2	♠ 9 6 5 4		
♥ 8	♥ 5 4 3		
♦ 7 6 3	♦ 10 4		
♣ 9 8 6 2	♣ A Q 10 4		
	♠ Q J		
13 7 6 14	♥ A J 10 6		
	♦ Q 5 2		
	♣ K J 7 3		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

It is your bid.

Although you could show your singleton ♣ now it is usually more informative to show a second 5-card suit. So you say 4♦. Partner bids 4♥. What do you say?

Partner signed off, showing a minimum, so you have nothing further to say.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ KJ  
♥ KQ86  
♦ KJ103  
♣ 975

5  
13 14  
8

♠ 1075  
♥ 42  
♦ A752  
♣ J1064

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠AQ3  
♥ AJ10953  
♦ 6  
♣ K82

♠ 98642  
♥ 7  
♦ Q984  
♣ AQ3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by East			

It is your bid.

Opening hand with 4-card trump support. You bid 2 NT. Partner rebids 3 ♦. What do you say?

The news that partner has a singleton ♦ does NOT excite you. In fact it causes your hand to devalue a lot. So you use the Principle of Fast Arrival and bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

**♠ KJ85****♥ 62****♦ 9642****♣ 962****♠ 3****♥ Q1095****♦ AQ3****♣ KJ1083****♠ A Q 7 6 2****♥ 7 3****♦ 8 7 5****♣ 7 5 4****12  
4 6  
18**

**♠ 10 9 4**  
**♥ AKJ84**  
**♦ KJ10**  
**♣ AQ**

West      North      East      South

1 ♥

Pass      3 ♠      Pass      4 ♣

Pass      4 ♦      Pass      6 ♥

Pass      Pass      Pass

6 ♥ by South

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 4**

West Deals

None Vul

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

16	4
13	
7	

N	
W	E
S	

♠ A Q 6 2
♥ A Q 5 3
♦ J 9 8
♣ 10 7

♠ 9 8 7 5 4
♥ 8 2
♦ A 7 6
♣ Q J 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

6 ♥ by West

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 5**

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ A Q 6 3

♥ A 9

♦ 10 8 7

♣ A 9 6 4

	N		E	
W				S
	4		5 4	
	6 5 2		6 5 2	
	K J 10 7 3 2			

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 NT by North

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 6**

East Deals

None Vul

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

12 7  
12 14  
7

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

♠ K J 10 3

♥ 4 2

♦ J 6 4 3

♣ Q 10 2

W	N
S	E

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

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

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, East should make 12 tricks by discarding one ♣ loser on your ♦ A.