

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

12	
2	15
11	

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

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.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

• ♣ 7

♠ 976

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

♠ 3
♥ K Q 7 5 3
♦ K Q J 6
♣ A 8 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ❤ by South

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 4 NT. Partner shows only one Ace so you just sign off at 5 ♥.

Deal 4

♠ —

West Deals ♥ 10 8 5 3 2

None Vul ♦ A 9 7 6 3

♣ J 9 6

♠ A J 8 7 6 3

♥ A Q 7

♦ K Q

♣ 8 7



♠ K 9 5 4 2

♥ K 6

♦ J 4

♣ K Q 5 3

♠ Q 10

♥ J 9 4

♦ 10 8 5 2

♣ A 10 4 2

16 5
12
7

<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 West			

It is your bid.

When partner opens 1 ♠ you have a pretty normal Jacoby 2 NT 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.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 5 2
♥ 6 4
♦ A 6 5 2
♣ 8 4 3

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	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 7 4
♥ A Q 10 8 3
♦ 8 7
♣ K Q 6

♠ 10 8 6
♥ 7 2
♦ 10 9 4
♣ A J 10 5 2

♠ A K 3
♥ K J 9 5
♦ K Q J 3
♣ 9 7

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

5 ♥ by North

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.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 4 2
♥ —
♦ 9 7 5 3
♣ K Q 8 4

♠ 10
♥ K Q 8 6 2
♦ 6 2
♣ J 10 9 5 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 9 8 7 5 3
♥ 9 5
♦ K Q J 10
♣ A

♠ 6
6
11 14
9

♥ A J 10 7 4 3
♦ A 8 4
♣ 7 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
4 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
Pass	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
6 ♠ by East			

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 ♠.