

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

**16**  
**5 7**  
**12**

**♠ K 9 2**  
**♥ A K Q 7 4**  
**♦ 7**  
**♣ A 9 6 3**

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

**♠ A 7 5**  
**♥ J 9 8 6 5**  
**♦ A K 9 3**  
**♣ 7**

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

Pass  
6 ♥ by North

It is your bid.

Partner's Splinter Bid in ♣s has really made your hand look good. With no losers in trumps or ♣s you need to find out about the other two suits. So you invoke Blackwood and partner replies 5 ♥. What do you bid next?

If partner can take care of your three ♣ losers you will have just one ♠ loser at most. So you bid 6 ♥. Maybe you should have bid 7 ♥.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 9 5  
♥ K Q  
♦ A Q 3  
♣ 9 8 7 5

5  
13 14  
8

♠ 3  
♥ AJ 9 8 5 4  
♦ 10 9 8 7 5  
♣ 4

♠ A K 8 7 4  
♥ 6  
♦ K J 6 2  
♣ Q J 6

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

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

It is your bid.

Following your Jacoby 2 NT response, partner bids 3 ♥, showing a singleton. What is your next bid?

Your ♥ holding hasn't been enhanced by partner's singleton. You feel like just signing off at 4 ♠ but since you can show the ♦ control below that level you bid 4 ♦. It didn't matter since partner now signs off at 4 ♠.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

**14**  
**4 4**  
**18**

	N		E	
W				S

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

♠ 9 8 6 4 2  
♥ 10  
♦ 10 9 8 5 2  
♣ A 2

♠ Q J  
♥ A Q 8 6 4 3  
♦ K Q  
♣ K J 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥

5 ♥ by South

It is your bid.

You have a great hand, but no singleton to show. Since you have a 6-card ♥ suit you bid 3 ♥. Partner replies 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner has control-bid the ♠ A. He may also have one or both of the Minor Aces since he would have bid the cheapest control first. You use Blackwood. He replies 5 ♦. What do you bid?

Oops. Despite all the points you are missing two Aces. So you thank Mr. Blackwood and sign off at 5 ♥.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8 5 3	♦ 9 4 3	♣ A Q 9 8 7 4 2
♥ 5	W N E	♠ K 9 7 6 2
♦ A J 10 7 2	S	♥ A K 7 4
♣ 6 3		♦ K Q 8
		♣ K
11 7 18	4	♠ 4
		♥ Q J 10 9 8 3 2
		♦ 6 5
		♣ J 10 5

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

It is your bid.

You don't want to make a Splinter Bid with a singleton King so you content yourself with a Jacoby 2 NT bid. Partner rebids 4 ♦. What do you say next?

The 4 ♦ bid shows a 5-card ♦ suit. What you need to know now is how many Aces partner has. You bid 4 NT and he answers 5 ♥. What do you say?

He has two Aces so you bid 6 ♠.