

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

Jacoby

♠ A 6
♥ Q J 8 3 2
♦ K 9 7 3
♣ K Q

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

♠ J 9 8 7
♥ A K 9 5 4
♦ A Q
♣ 9 7

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

South's 2 NT response is Jacoby, showing at least 4 cards in partner's opening major and enough for game. North's rebid shows a balanced hand with 15-19 points. South shows their lowest ranking control and North has a minimum so signs off in game.

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

Jacoby

♠ Q 10 6 5 3
♥ 8 3
♦ A K 10 7 2
♣ 5

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

♠ 7 4 2
♥ 7
♦ J 6 4
♣ 10 9 7 6 4 3

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

West's 2 NT response is Jacoby, showing at least 4 cards in partner's opening major and enough for game. East's rebid shows a 6 or 7-card major, without any shortages. West shows their first control, up the line and so does East. When West skips the diamond control, East knows there are two top diamond losers and thus signs off in game.

Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul

Jacoby

♠ A Q 4 2
♥ 8 7
♦ K Q J 9 8
♣ 7 6

♠ K 10 3
♥ —
♦ 10 6 5 4 3
♣ K J 9 8 3

♠ 5
♥ Q J 9 6 5 3
♦ A 2
♣ Q 10 5 4

♠ J 9 8 7 6
♥ A K 10 4 2
♦ 7
♣ A 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
	4 ♠ by South		

North's 2 NT response is Jacoby, showing at least 4 cards in partner's opening major and enough for game. South's rebid shows a good side card suit. North has no complementing cards in hearts and no club control so they sign off in game.

Note that West's hand is not appropriate for an unusual NT overcall, as the diamond suit has no honours in it. This applies at any vulnerability.

Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

Jacoby

♠ Q 9
♥ A K 10
♦ A J 7 2
♣ K Q 5 3

♠ A J 10 7 2
♥ Q 9 8 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ A

♠ K 8 6 5 4
♥ 2
♦ K 6 4 3
♣ 7 6 2

♠ 3
♥ J 7 6 5 4
♦ 9 5
♣ J 10 9 8 4

West	North	East	South
1 ♠			
Pass	Dbl	4 ♠	Pass
	Pass		
4 ♠ by West			

East's raise to game is preemptive, showing an unbalanced hand with playing potential but not many high card points. West has no reason to explore further. North might be tempted to double again but would be disappointed as 4S cannot be stopped.

Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ J 10 8 6
♥ Q 4 3
♦ K Q J 6
♣ 10 8

Jacoby
♠ K Q 9
♥ A J 7 6 5
♦ —
♣ K 9 7 3 2

♠ 7 5 4 2
♥ 2
♦ 10 8 5 4 3 2
♣ A J

♠ A 3
♥ K 10 9 8
♦ A 9 7
♣ Q 6 5 4



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

5 ♥ by North

South's 2 NT response is Jacoby, showing at least 4 cards in partner's opening major and enough for game. North's 3D rebid shows a shortage in the suit. This is not great news for South, as their DA is not likely to be very useful opposite a shortage, but they can still explore further. 3S and 4C are control cuebids, showing a first or second round control in the suit. After South's sign off, North is still worth another try - South asks for aces: 5C shows 1 or 4, 5D asks for the queen of trumps and 5H denies it.

With a keycard and the queen of trumps missing, slam should not be bid.

Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A K Q 7 6
♥ Q 9 7 3
♦ 7
♣ Q 10 3

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

♠ 9 8
♥ A 10 8 6 5
♦ A 10 4 3
♣ K 4

♠ J 5 4
♥ J
♦ K 9 8 6
♣ A J 9 5 2

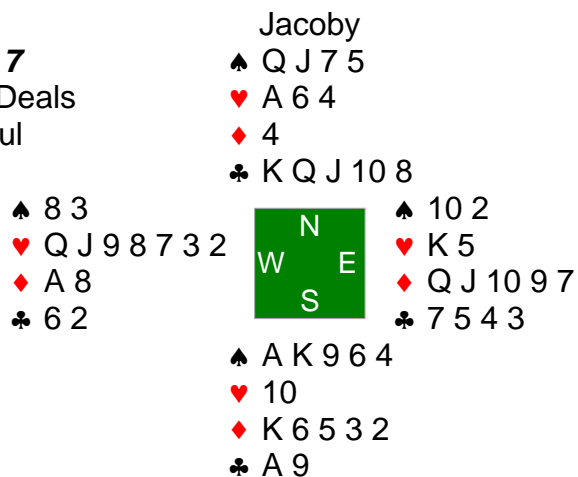


West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

4 ♥ by East

West's 2 NT response is Jacoby, showing at least 4 cards in partner's opening major and enough for game. East's jump to game follows the principle of fast arrival, in other words in a game forcing situation, bids that take away space show weak hands. Here the jump to game takes away all possibilities to describe the partnership's hands further and thus it shows a very weak opening hand.

Board 7
South Deals
Both Vul

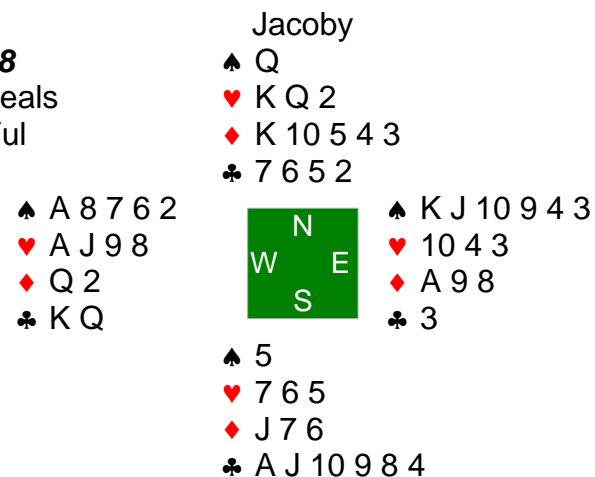


West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
	6 ♠ by South		

North's 2 NT response is Jacoby, showing at least 4 cards in partner's opening major and enough for game. South's rebid shows a shortage in the suit. 4C and 4D are control cuebids showing first or second round control in the suit. 5D shows 0 or 3 keycards, so North (with the queen of trumps) has enough to go for slam.

Note that West should not make a weak jump overcall to 3H because their hand is not good enough at this vulnerability: they have more points outside hearts than in it, the trump suit is too weak and the hand has no shortages.

Board 8
West Deals
None Vul



West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠ by West			

East's response is a splinter, showing a singleton or void in the suit. Given that East did not bid Jacoby, West can make the further inference that East has an unbalanced hand and not many high card points. This consideration and the now wasted values in clubs should discourage West from exploring slam.