Deal three
You are -1 or +25 (your crib)
Jake is -16
Your par is 59 (8-deal try)

Summary: Ouch! You are dealt a poor hand and score a total of 10 points (6-point crib) and stand at 52 (-7 for an 8-deal try). Jake scored an average 10 points and stands at only 27 and is still -16. Your strategy remains the same. You have the option of playing offensively or defensively on deal four.

Deal three.
Your score: 52 (-7 or +19).
Jake's score: 27 (-16).
Deal four
You are -7 or +19
Jake is -16 and has the crib
Your par is 69 (8-deal try)

Summary: the starter card did not
give you a high-scoring hand and,
in addition, Jake’s first card played
(4) may combine with the starter
(giving him a possible high-scoring
hand). Those two circum-
stances force you to play the de-
fensive option. You do NOT pair
Jake’s 4 or form a run of 3 as
defense is now the byword. Jake,
indeed, does have a high-scoring
24-point hand, pegs 2 points, and
has a 6-point crib for a total of 34
points!

You score only 6 points and stand
at 58 (-11 for a 8-deal try or +15 for
a 10-deal try). Jake, alas, stands at
61 (+2). Your option has disap-
peared. Defense is the play for
deal 5.

Deal four.
Your score: 58 (-11 or +15).
Jake’s score: 61 (+2).