

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 6 3
♥ A 6 5 3
♦ 4
♣ K Q 4 2

8
10 7
15

♠ A 4
♥ K J 9 8
♦ 10 8 7 2
♣ 8 6 5

W N
S E

♠ Q 7 5
♥ Q 10 2
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ 10 9 3

♠ K 10 8 2
♥ 7 4
♦ A K 6 3
♣ A J 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 NT

1 NT by South

South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

If partner has a 4-card ♥ suit to match yours you could revalue your hand and add a point for your doubleton ♠. That would give you the 9 points you need for an invitational response.

It is far too risky to play for that possibility. So you just pass.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 2
♥ K 5 4 2
♦ 3
♣ A J 4 2

9
8 6
17

West

♠ A 4
♥ A J 9 8
♦ 10 8 7 2
♣ 8 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 7 3
♥ Q 7
♦ K J 6 5 4
♣ 9 7 3

♠ K Q J 5
♥ 10 6 3
♦ A Q 9
♣ K Q 10

North East South

1 NT

Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

You have 9 points and a 4-card Major. Just enough for an invitational Stayman sequence. You bid 2 ♣ and partner answers 2 ♠. What do you bid next?

Partner has the wrong Major. Now that you know there is no 8-card Major fit you must go to notrump. And since you don't have the strength to insist on game you say 2 NT which is an invitation for partner to bid 3 NT if he has a maximum.

He has a maximum and he bids 3 NT.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 5
♥ J 8 7 3 2
♦ 3
♣ A 8 6 5 2

9
6 9
16

♠ K Q 10 6
♥ 9 6 4
♦ K J 10 8
♣ 7 3

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

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

N
W E
S

♠ 8
♥ 10 8 3
♦ J 9 7 2
♣ A 10 9 5 2

♠ 9 6 5
♥ A 9
♦ A Q 10 5
♣ K Q 8 6

West North East South
12
8 5 2 ♣
15 3 NT Pass 1 NT
Pass Pass 2 ♦
Pass Pass Pass

3 NT by South

South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

Both Majors! Lucky you. So you bid a Stayman 2 ♣. Unfortunately partner comes back with 2 ♦. What is your next bid?

Partner doesn't have a 4-card Major so your side doesn't have an 8-card Major fit. Therefore you will play in notrump. And with your 12 points you MUST play in game. So you bid 3 NT.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 4
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ Q 7 2

♠ K Q J 3

♥ A J 5

♦ 7 2

♣ 9 8 4 3

11
5 8
16

♠ A 5
♥ 10 7 4
♦ Q J 10 8 6
♣ J 10 6

♠ 10 9 8 2
♥ K Q 6
♦ A 9 4
♣ A K 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♣ by South



South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

With 11 points and a 4-card Major suit you bid 2 ♣. Partner answers 2 ♣. What is your next bid?

Stayman bidding can be very straightforward. Partner has 4 ♠s, you have 4 ♠s. That makes 8. Partner has 15-17 points, you have 11-12 points. That makes 26-29.

You bid 4 ♣.

Deal 6
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 6 3 2
♥ 6 4 3
♦ 10 8 3
♣ 7 5

18
1 5
16

♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K J 10 7
♦ A J
♣ K Q 3

♠ 7
♥ A 8 2
♦ 7 6 5 2
♣ J 10 9 8 4

N
W E
S

West North East South
Pass 2 ♣ Pass 1 NT
Pass 6 NT Pass Pass
Pass
6 NT by South

South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

You have a very big hand. Enormous. But you also have two 4-card Majors, so the first step is Stayman. You bid 2♣ and partner replies 2♦. What do you bid next?

You have 18 points and partner has 15, 16 or 17. Your total is between 33 and 35. You have enough POINTS for a small slam, not enough for a grand. You have no Major suit fit, and are happy to play notrump.

There is a lot to be said for bidding 6 NT immediately. You could ask for Aces if you like but whether partner shows one or two isn't going to change your decision. Be bold.