

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 6

♥ 7 6 5 2

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ A 3

20
6 3
11

West

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by North

♠ A J 8 5

♥ K J

♦ A K 8

♣ K J 9 6

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 4 2

♥ A Q 10 9 4 3

♦ —

♣ 8 7 4

North

2 NT

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♣

6 ♠

North opens 2 NT. What do you respond?

Wow! Start thinking slam, but first things first. Find the suit by starting with Stayman. You bid 3 ♣ and partner replies 3 ♠. What do you say next?

Your hand revalues to 16 points now that you know there's a ♠ fit. So certainly you want to be in slam as long as there are not two quick ♣ losers. At this point you might try something like a 4 ♦ cue bid, hoping partner will read that as a slam try in ♠s, but denying the ♣ control. But that seems awfully easy to be misunderstood. We suggest an immediate 6 ♠.

Good thing it's being played by North, right?

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ J 8 7 6 3
♣ —

12
3 15
10

West

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♥ by East

♠ 10

♥ Q J

♦ A 9 4

♣ A J 10 9 6 5 2



♠ K J 9 6 5

♥ 7 5 2

♦ K 10

♣ K 4 3

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

2 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

East opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

Your first thought should be that with only 4 points you will pass. But on second thought, what would partner respond if you bid a Stayman 2 ♣? So you give it a shot and partner says 2 ♥. What next?

What's next is your PASS. And if he had bid 2 ♠ you also would have passed. And if he had bid 2 ♦ you also would have passed. You figured that with this hand any response partner could make would be a better place than 1 NT.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 10 3 2
♦ A 3
♣ J 9 5 3

12
6 5
17

West

Pass
Pass

3 NT by South

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q J 7
♣ K 10 8



♠ A K 7 3
♥ A 9 5
♦ 9 8 2
♣ A Q 2

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT
Pass

South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

With 12 points and a 4-card ♠ suit this fits the model for Stayman.

But thinking a little further, with this 4-3-3-3 distribution you have no ruffing values whatsoever. So even if partner also has 4 ♠s there might not be an advantage in playing the suit contract. So for this specific distribution you ignore your 4-card Major and just bid 3 NT.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A 10 8 5

0
15 11
14

♠ 7
♥ 10 9 8 6 5
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 6 3 2



♠ K J 5 4 3 2
♥ A 3 2
♦ K 6
♣ Q J

♠ A Q 10 6
♥ Q 7
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K 9 7 4

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

After you open 1 NT partner bids 2 ♣, then South says 2 ♠. What do you say next?

Basically you said your say when you opened 1 NT. You don't have a 4-card Major and you have a minimum hand. The best way to convey this information to partner is to pass. At which point partner jumps to 3 NT. What do you say?

Pass, then "Thank you partner" when dummy comes down. The thing to remember is that partner is in charge. You describe your hand as well as you can and then sit back and let him make the decisions. Perhaps you would have doubled if you held his hand but he didn't.

Deal 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 7 6
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ A 3

20
6 3
11

♠ A J 8 5
♥ K J
♦ A K 8
♣ K J 9 6



♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A Q 10 9 4 3
♦ —
♣ 8 7 4

♠ 9 3
♥ 8
♦ J 7 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 5 2

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ J 8 7 6 3
♣ —

12
3 15
10

♠ 10
♥ Q J
♦ A 9 4
♣ A J 10 9 6 5 2



♠ K J 9 6 5
♥ 7 5 2
♦ K 10
♣ K 4 3

♠ A 8 3
♥ A K 6 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q 8 7

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 10 3 2
♦ A 3
♣ J 9 5 3

12
6 5
17

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q J 7
♣ K 10 8



♠ A K 7 3
♥ A 9 5
♦ 9 8 2
♣ A Q 2

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 7
♦ K 10 6 5 4
♣ 7 6 4

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A 10 8 5

0
15 11
14

♠ 7
♥ 10 9 8 6 5
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 6 3 2



♠ A Q 10 6
♥ Q 7
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 5 4 3 2
♥ A 3 2
♦ K 6
♣ Q J

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10 7 6
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ A 3

20
6 3
11

♠ A J 8 5
♥ K J
♦ A K 8
♣ K J 9 6



♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A Q 10 9 4 3
♦ —
♣ 8 7 4

♠ 9 3
♥ 8
♦ J 7 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 5 2

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ J 8 7 6 3
♣ —

12
3 15
10

♠ 10
♥ Q J
♦ A 9 4
♣ A J 10 9 6 5 2



♠ K J 9 6 5
♥ 7 5 2
♦ K 10
♣ K 4 3

♠ A 8 3
♥ A K 6 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q 8 7

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 10 3 2
♦ A 3
♣ J 9 5 3

12
6 5
17

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q J 7
♣ K 10 8



♠ A K 7 3
♥ A 9 5
♦ 9 8 2
♣ A Q 2

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 7
♦ K 10 6 5 4
♣ 7 6 4

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A 10 8 5

0
15 11
14

♠ 7
♥ 10 9 8 6 5
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 6 3 2



♠ A Q 10 6
♥ Q 7
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 5 4 3 2
♥ A 3 2
♦ K 6
♣ Q J

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 7 6
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ A 3

20
6 3
11

♠ A J 8 5
♥ K J
♦ A K 8
♣ K J 9 6



♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A Q 10 9 4 3
♦ —
♣ 8 7 4

♠ 9 3
♥ 8
♦ J 7 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 5 2

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ J 8 7 6 3
♣ —

12
3 15
10

♠ 10
♥ Q J
♦ A 9 4
♣ A J 10 9 6 5 2



♠ K J 9 6 5
♥ 7 5 2
♦ K 10
♣ K 4 3

♠ A 8 3
♥ A K 6 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q 8 7

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 10 3 2
♦ A 3
♣ J 9 5 3

12
6 5
17

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q J 7
♣ K 10 8



♠ A K 7 3
♥ A 9 5
♦ 9 8 2
♣ A Q 2

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 7
♦ K 10 6 5 4
♣ 7 6 4

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A 10 8 5

0
15 11
14

♠ 7
♥ 10 9 8 6 5
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 6 3 2



♠ A Q 10 6
♥ Q 7
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 5 4 3 2
♥ A 3 2
♦ K 6
♣ Q J

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 6
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ A 3

20
6 3
11

♠ A J 8 5
♥ K J
♦ A K 8
♣ K J 9 6



♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A Q 10 9 4 3
♦ —
♣ 8 7 4

♠ 9 3
♥ 8
♦ J 7 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 5 2

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ J 8 7 6 3
♣ —

12
3 15
10

♠ 10
♥ Q J
♦ A 9 4
♣ A J 10 9 6 5 2



♠ K J 9 6 5
♥ 7 5 2
♦ K 10
♣ K 4 3

♠ A 8 3
♥ A K 6 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q 8 7

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 10 3 2
♦ A 3
♣ J 9 5 3

12
6 5
17

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q J 7
♣ K 10 8



♠ A K 7 3
♥ A 9 5
♦ 9 8 2
♣ A Q 2

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 7
♦ K 10 6 5 4
♣ 7 6 4

Deal 20
 West Deals
 Both Vul

♠ 9 8
 ♥ K J 4
 ♦ A Q J 7
 ♣ A 10 8 5

0
 15 11
 14

♠ 7
 ♥ 10 9 8 6 5
 ♦ 8 4 3 2
 ♣ 6 3 2



♠ A Q 10 6
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ 10 9 5
 ♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 5 4 3 2
 ♥ A 3 2
 ♦ K 6
 ♣ Q J

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 7 6
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ A 3

20
6 3
11

♠ A J 8 5
♥ K J
♦ A K 8
♣ K J 9 6



♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A Q 10 9 4 3
♦ —
♣ 8 7 4

♠ 9 3
♥ 8
♦ J 7 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 5 2

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ J 8 7 6 3
♣ —

12
3 15
10

♠ 10
♥ Q J
♦ A 9 4
♣ A J 10 9 6 5 2



♠ K J 9 6 5
♥ 7 5 2
♦ K 10
♣ K 4 3

♠ A 8 3
♥ A K 6 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q 8 7

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 10 3 2
♦ A 3
♣ J 9 5 3

12
6 5
17

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q J 7
♣ K 10 8



♠ A K 7 3
♥ A 9 5
♦ 9 8 2
♣ A Q 2

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 7
♦ K 10 6 5 4
♣ 7 6 4

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A 10 8 5

0
15 11
14

♠ 7
♥ 10 9 8 6 5
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 6 3 2



♠ A Q 10 6
♥ Q 7
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 5 4 3 2
♥ A 3 2
♦ K 6
♣ Q J

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10 7 6
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ A 3

20
6 3
11

♠ A J 8 5
♥ K J
♦ A K 8
♣ K J 9 6



♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A Q 10 9 4 3
♦ —
♣ 8 7 4

♠ 9 3
♥ 8
♦ J 7 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 5 2

Deal 26
 East Deals
 Both Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
 ♥ 10 9 8 3
 ♦ J 8 7 6 3
 ♣ —

12
 3 15
 10

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



♠ K J 9 6 5
 ♥ 7 5 2
 ♦ K 10
 ♣ K 4 3

♠ A 8 3
 ♥ A K 6 4
 ♦ Q 5 2
 ♣ Q 8 7

Deal 27
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 10 3 2
♦ A 3
♣ J 9 5 3

12
6 5
17

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q J 7
♣ K 10 8



♠ A K 7 3
♥ A 9 5
♦ 9 8 2
♣ A Q 2

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 7
♦ K 10 6 5 4
♣ 7 6 4

Deal 28
 West Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ 9 8
 ♥ K J 4
 ♦ A Q J 7
 ♣ A 10 8 5

0
 15 11
 14

♠ 7
 ♥ 10 9 8 6 5
 ♦ 8 4 3 2
 ♣ 6 3 2



♠ A Q 10 6
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ 10 9 5
 ♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 5 4 3 2
 ♥ A 3 2
 ♦ K 6
 ♣ Q J

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 10 7 6
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ A 3

20
6 3
11

♠ A J 8 5
♥ K J
♦ A K 8
♣ K J 9 6



♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A Q 10 9 4 3
♦ —
♣ 8 7 4

♠ 9 3
♥ 8
♦ J 7 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 5 2

Deal 30
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
 ♥ 10 9 8 3
 ♦ J 8 7 6 3
 ♣ —

12
 3 15
 10

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



♠ K J 9 6 5
 ♥ 7 5 2
 ♦ K 10
 ♣ K 4 3

♠ A 8 3
 ♥ A K 6 4
 ♦ Q 5 2
 ♣ Q 8 7

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 10 3 2
♦ A 3
♣ J 9 5 3

12
6 5
17

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q J 7
♣ K 10 8



♠ A K 7 3
♥ A 9 5
♦ 9 8 2
♣ A Q 2

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 7
♦ K 10 6 5 4
♣ 7 6 4

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A 10 8 5

0
15 11
14

♠ 7
♥ 10 9 8 6 5
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 6 3 2



♠ A Q 10 6
♥ Q 7
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 5 4 3 2
♥ A 3 2
♦ K 6
♣ Q J

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 6
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ A 3

20
6 3
11

♠ A J 8 5
♥ K J
♦ A K 8
♣ K J 9 6



♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A Q 10 9 4 3
♦ —
♣ 8 7 4

♠ 9 3
♥ 8
♦ J 7 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 5 2

Deal 34
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
 ♥ 10 9 8 3
 ♦ J 8 7 6 3
 ♣ —

12
 3 15
 10

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



♠ K J 9 6 5
 ♥ 7 5 2
 ♦ K 10
 ♣ K 4 3

♠ A 8 3
 ♥ A K 6 4
 ♦ Q 5 2
 ♣ Q 8 7

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 10 3 2
♦ A 3
♣ J 9 5 3

12
6 5
17

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q J 7
♣ K 10 8



♠ A K 7 3
♥ A 9 5
♦ 9 8 2
♣ A Q 2

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 7
♦ K 10 6 5 4
♣ 7 6 4

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A 10 8 5

0
15 11
14

♠ 7
♥ 10 9 8 6 5
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 6 3 2



♠ A Q 10 6
♥ Q 7
♦ 10 9 5
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 5 4 3 2
♥ A 3 2
♦ K 6
♣ Q J