

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ K 8 6
None Vul	♥ A 9 3
	♦ K Q 8
	♣ A K J 2
♠ Q J 3	♠ A 10 9 5 2
♥ 10 6	♥ 8
♦ J 7 6 4 3	♦ 10 5
♣ Q 4 3	♣ 10 8 7 6 5
20 6 4 10	♠ 7 4 ♥ K Q J 7 5 4 2 ♦ A 9 2 ♣ 9

West	North	East	South
	2 NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by North

for 6

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After NORTH opens 2 NT, SOUTH is pretty sure there will be a slam in

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s.

But, the contract should be played from the NORTH side so the opening lead doesn't go through any vulnerable

â™ holding NORTH might have.

SOUTH transfers NORTH to

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s, then uses Blackwood to be sure they aren't

off two Aces. Missing one Ace he settles

Deal 2
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 10 3	♦ K 9 8 5
♥ A 9 8 4	♦ Q 7
♦ Q 9 2	♦ K 8 7
♣ Q 4 3 2	♣ J 9 6 5

9	♠ A 6
8	♦ KJ 5 3
15	♦ A 6 5 4
	♣ K 10 7

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



NORTH has an invitational hand, (9 points), after SOUTH's 1 NT opening.

With a 4-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit she uses Stayman.

SOUTH then shows his 4-card

\hat{a}^{TMY}

suit.

With no

\hat{a}^{TMY}

fit, NORTH can only invite with 2 NT, an invitation which

SOUTH declines.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

11	♠ A 7 5
5 8	♥ Q J 6
16	♦ A K 5 2
	♣ Q 10 9

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

W	N	E	S
♠ Q J 2	♥ 7 2	♦ 9 7 6 3	♣ A J 7 3

Because NORTH holds a 4-card Major suit, (

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s), he starts his

responses with Stayman.

SOUTH denies holding any 4-card Major suit so NORTH gives up on

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s.

He next bids â™ s, showing five of them. He jumps to 3â™, giving SOUTH the choice

between 4â™ or 3 NT.

With three trumps SOUTH chooses 4â™.

Deal 4
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

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



♦ 9 8 3	♠ J 10 4
♦ K Q 10 7	♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ 10 7 2	♣ A 9 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣ PASS	2S	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

NORTH has a poor 9 points, but does have two 4-card Majors. So he uses Stayman.

When SOUTH bids 3TMs, NORTH isn't strong enough to bid game herself, so she temporizes

with a 3TM invitation.

SOUTH has a full 17 points so he accepts the invitation.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 4	♦ K Q
♥ K 10 6 4 2	♦ A Q 7 5
♦ 8 4 2	♦ K 10 9
♣ K 6 5 3	♣ Q J 8 4

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6 10
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♠ A 9 3 2
♥ J 8 3
♦ J 7 6 3
♣ A 9

♠ J 10 8 7 6 5
♥ 9
♦ A Q 5
♣ 10 7 2

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

4 ♠ by North

SOUTH, with 9 points and a 6-card suit, knows they should play in a™ s.

The question is: how high?

SOUTH transfers NORTH to a™ s, then invites by raising to 3a™ .

NORTH has only two trumps, (good ones, admittedly), but she has a maximum 17 point hand.

So she bids the a™ game.