

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 6

♥ 9 3

♦ 8 5 3

♣ A K J 9 5

♠ A K J 5

♥ K 6

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 10 7 2

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8 7

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ Q J 10 7 5

♦ K 7

♣ 8 3

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

This is a companion hand to Deal 16.

NORTH shows four \hat{a}^{TM} s following SOUTH's Stayman bid.

So SOUTH ignores her five

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\hat{Y}$

s, having already found

an 8-card Major suit fit. With the fit her hand now revalues to 11 points so she bids $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

Deal 2

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

♠ 10 9 8 6
 ♥ A 9 2
 ♦ 8 5 4 3
 ♣ A 5

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| West | North | East | South |
| 2 ♣ | Pass | 2 ♦ | Pass |
| 2 ♥ | Pass | 3 NT | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |
| 3 NT by East | | | |

This is companion #3 to Deal 16 and 17.

WEST again starts with Stayman, and after EAST denies a 4-card Major,

WEST shows her five

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s.

But in this Deal EAST has only a doubleton

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, so he

chooses to play 3 NT.

Deal 3
 North Deals
 None Vul

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| ♠ A 9 2 ♥ 8 2 ♦ Q 10 8 4 2 ♣ 8 5 3 | ♠ K J ♥ A K 6 ♦ J 9 5 3 ♣ K J 9 6 |
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| 16 6 8 10 | ♠ 7 3 ♥ J 10 9 4 ♦ A K 6 ♣ 10 7 4 2 |
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| ♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4 ♥ Q 7 5 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A Q |
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| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 1 NT | Pass | 2 ♣ |
| Pass | 2 ♦ | Pass | |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| 4 ♣ by South | | | |

Even with a 6-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit SOUTH uses Stayman because he also has a 4-card

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\hat{Y}$

suit. Given a choice, playing a 4-4 Major fit is usually

preferable to a 6-2 or even a 6-3 fit.

But here NORTH doesn't have four

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\hat{Y}$

s so SOUTH just bids

the game where he knows the partnership holds eight trumps.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7
♥ K J 6 5
♦ A 8 4
♣ K Q 10 8

5
17 14
4

♠ J 10 6
♥ A 2
♦ 10 9 7 3 2
♣ 9 6 3



♠ K Q 3
♥ Q 10 9 8 4 3
♦ K 5
♣ A 5

♠ 9 8 5 4 2
♥ 7
♦ Q J 6
♣ J 7 4 2

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 NT | Pass | 2 ♦ | Pass |
| 3 ♥ | Pass | 4 ♣ | Pass |
| 4 ♦ | Pass | 6 ♥ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |
| 6 ♥ by West | | | |

WEST breaks the expected Transfer sequence by jumping to 3

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instead

of bidding just 2

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. This is called the "Super Accept" and it shows

a hand with four of the trump suit with maximum point count.

EAST's â™£ bid and WEST's

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bid are Control bids, showing first

round control of the suit that was bid.