Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

	♠ K 9 8 6 4	
	♡ A K 5 3	
	◇ J 8	
	♣ 6 4	

♠ 10 3		♠ Q J 2
♡ 10 9 8 4	N	♡ 7 2
◇ Q 10 4	W E	◇ 9 7 6 3
♣ K 8 5 2	S	♣ A J 7 3

	♠ A 7 5	
	♡ Q J 6	
	◇ A K 5 2	
	♣ Q 10 9	

11
5   8
16

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

4 ♠ by North

With three trumps SOUTH chooses 4♡ .

Because NORTH holds a 4-card Major suit, (

♡

s), he starts his

responses with Stayman.

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

♡

s.

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

between 4♡ or 3 NT.

Deal 2
East Deals
None Vul

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            ♠ J 10 4
            ♡ 10 5
            ♦ 9 8 6 4
            ♣ A 9 8 3
♠ Q 8 6 5        N        ♠ A K 7 3
♡ K 7 6 4     W     E     ♡ Q J 2
♦ A 3 2          S        ♦ J 5
♣ 5 4                     ♣ K Q J 6
            ♠ 9 2
     5      ♡ A 9 8 3
   9   17   ♦ K Q 10 7
     9      ♣ 10 7 2
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West	North	East	South
		1 NT	Pass
2♣ PASS 2S	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

4♠ by East

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

When EAST bids ♠s, WEST isn't strong enough to bid game herself, so she temporizes

with a 3♠ invitation.

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

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 8 7 6 5
♡ 9
◇ A Q 5
♣ 10 7 2

♠ A 9 3 2	N	♠ 4
♡ J 8 3	W E	♡ K 10 6 4 2
◇ J 7 6 3	S	◇ 8 4 2
♣ A 9		♣ K 6 5 3

7
10   6
17

♠ K Q
♡ A Q 7 5
◇ K 10 9
♣ Q J 8 4

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

4 ♠ by South

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

The question is: how high?

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

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

So she bids the ♠ game.

Deal 4
East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 8 6
♡ 9 4
◊ J 9 7 5 3
♣ K J

♠ Q 7 4 2
♡ Q J 10 7 5
◊ K 6
♣ 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ K J 5
♡ A K 6
◊ A Q 2
♣ 10 7 6 2

9
8 17
6

♠ 9 3
♡ 8 3 2
◊ 10 8 4
♣ A Q 9 5 4

West	North	East	South
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ◊	Pass
2 ♡	Pass	4 ♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

4 ♡ by West

WEST, with a 5-card AND a 4-card Major first uses Stayman.

EAST denies a 4-card Major, so WEST realizes that â™ s are out.

He then bids

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s, promising five of them.

EAST not only has three

â™¥

s, she also has 17 points so

she bids 4

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