

Board 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ J 8 2
♦ A Q 8 6
♣ 7 5 3 2

♠ Q T 8 6 5 4

♥ Q 7 5 3

♦ 7

♣ A Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 7 3

♥ T 9 4

♦ K T 4 2

♣ T 8 4

♠ K J

♥ A K 6

♦ J 9 5 3

♣ K J 9 6

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

4 ♠ by North

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Even with a 6-card suit NORTH uses Stayman because he also has a 4-card

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 SOUTH doesn't have four

s so NORTH just bids

the game where he knows the partnership holds eight trumps.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 3

♥ Q T 9 8 4 3

♦ K 5

♣ A 5

♠ J 9 6 5 2

♥ -

♦ Q J 3

♣ 9 6 4 3 2



♠ A 7

♥ K J 6 5

♦ A 8 4

♣ K Q T 8

♠ T 8 4

♥ A 7 2

♦ T 9 7 6 2

♣ J 7

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

6♥ by West

round control of the suit that was bid.

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EAST breaks the expected Transfer sequence by jumping to 3

instead

of bidding just 2

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

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

WEST's bid and EAST's

bid are Control bids, showing first

Board 3

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A 8 4
♥ T 4 2
♦ J T 6 2
♣ Q 5 3

♠ K J T 3

♥ K 5

♦ A 9 3

♣ 8 7 4 2



♠ Q 9 6 5

♥ A Q 9 3

♦ K Q 8

♣ A 6

♠ 7 2

♥ J 8 7 6

♦ 7 5 4

♣ K J T 9

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

All Pass

4 ♠ by South

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NORTH uses Stayman because he has a 4-card suit.

SOUTH's 2

response wasn't exactly what NORTH was hoping for,

so NORTH decides to bid 3NT.

SOUTH absolutely knows that NORTH holds a 4-card Major -

and also knows that it isn't

s.

So SOUTH bids 4 .

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A T 6
♥ A K 7 4
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ T 9

♠ K Q 5

♥ T 9 3

♦ J 2

♣ Q J 7 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 7 4
♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ T 8 7 6
♣ 4

♠ 8 3 2
♥ J 5
♦ K 9 4
♣ A K 8 6 5

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

2♥ by West

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EAST has a rotten hand, and many players would just pass 1NT.

But EAST figures that having WEST play any 4-4 fit would be better than 1NT so

he bids 2 Stayman. This is called "Garbage Stayman", and you can see why.

WEST bids 2

and EAST passes. He would have passed either 2 or 2

also.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9
♥ A 7 3 2
♦ Q J 8 5 3
♣ J T 4

♠ A Q 6 2

♥ K J 8

♦ A 6 2

♣ K 8 7



♠ T 8 5 4
♥ T 6 4
♦ 9 7
♣ A 6 5 2

♠ K J 7 3
♥ Q 9 5
♦ K T 4
♣ Q 9 3

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	3NT

All Pass

3NT by South

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Just having a 4-card Major doesn't mean you must automatically use Stayman.

Here SOUTH has a 4-card suit, but decides not to seek a 4-4 fit because his

hand wouldn't have any ruffing values in a contract. He bids 3NT.

Notice that even though NORTH also has four the 4-4 fit is not useful to them in

a contract because neither hand can ruff any losers.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q T 8 6 4
 ♥ Q 7 3
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ T 8 4

♠ A 9 5 3

♥ T 9 2

♦ J T 4

♣ Q 6 2

	N	
	W	E
	S	

♠ K J 7
 ♥ K J 5 4
 ♦ K Q 7 3
 ♣ A 5

♠ 2
 ♥ A 8 6
 ♦ 9 8 5 2
 ♣ K J 9 7 3

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

2NT Pass 4♠ All Pass

4 ♠ by East

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WEST has an invitational (9 point) hand with five s.

She bids it in the standard way - first transfer EAST to then invite

the game by bidding 2NT.

EAST, with 17 points and three accepts the game invitation and chooses 4 .