

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 5  
♥ Q 10 2  
♦ Q J 9 5  
♣ 10 9 3

<sup>15</sup>  
7    10  
8

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

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	Pass

Pass

1 NT by North

♠ K 10 8 2

♥ 7 4

♦ A K 6 3

♣ A J 7

W	N	E
S		

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

North opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

If partner has a 4-card ♥ suit to match yours you could revalue your hand and add a point for your doubleton ♠. That would give you the 9 points you need for an invitational response.

It is far too risky to play for that possibility. So you just pass.

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
9 17  
8

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

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

East opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

You have 9 points and a 4-card Major. Just enough for an invitational Stayman sequence. You bid 2 ♣ and partner answers 2 ♠. What do you bid next?

Partner has the wrong Major. Now that you know there is no 8-card Major fit you must go to notrump. And since you don't have the strength to insist on game you say 2 NT which is an invitation for partner to bid 3 NT if he has a maximum.

He has a maximum and he bids 3 NT.

**Deal 3**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 5  
♥ J 8 7 3 2  
♦ 3  
♣ A 8 6 5 2

9  
6 9  
16

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

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 5  
♥ A 9  
♦ A Q 10 5  
♣ K Q 8 6

8  
15 12  
5

N  
W E  
S

♠ K Q 7 3 2  
♥ 7 6 4 2  
♦ K 4  
♣ 4 3

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by West			

West opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

Both Majors! Lucky you. So you bid a Stayman 2 ♣. Unfortunately partner comes back with 2 ♦. What is your next bid?

Partner doesn't have a 4-card Major so your side doesn't have an 8-card Major fit. Therefore you will play in notrump. And with your 12 points you MUST play in game. So you bid 3 NT.