

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

15  
6 7  
12

♠ K Q 7

♥ A 10 4

♦ K 9

♣ Q J 10 8 5



♠ A 10 9 2

♥ Q 9 7 3

♦ A Q 4

♣ 9 6

♠ J 8 5

♥ K 6

♦ 8 7 5 3 2

♣ K 7 3

<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 North			

SOUTH's 2♣ bid is Stayman, asking for a 4-card Major.

NORTH's 2

♦

bid denies four cards in either Major.

SOUTH knows there is no 8-card Major fit. He also knows the partnership has at least 26 points

so he bids 3 NT.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 8 7 5 4

♥ 8 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ 7 2

9  
9 15  
7

*West*

2 ♥

4 ♠

4 ♠ by East

♠ A 9 3

♥ J 5

♦ 9 8 6 4

♣ K J 9 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 6 2

♥ A 10 7 4 2

♦ J 10 7

♣ Q 5 3

*North*

Pass

Pass

*East*

1 NT

2 ♠

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

WEST, with 11 points and six ♠s, knows immediately that the final contract will be 4♠

since the partners must have at least eight ♠s and at least 26 points.

She concludes that it might be better for EAST to be the Declarer so she bids 2

♥

as a Jacoby Transfer. When EAST makes the required 2♠ bid she just bids 4♠ which

closes the auction with EAST as Declarer.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 10 2

♥ 4

♦ 10 9 4 3

♣ 10 8 6 4

10  
6 8  
16

♠ 6 4 3

♥ A K J 7 6 5

♦ 8 2

♣ Q 7

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 9 8

♥ 10 8 2

♦ A Q J 6

♣ 9 5 2

♠ K 7 5

♥ Q 9 3

♦ K 7 5

♣ A K J 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

1 NT

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

NORTH knows the partnership has a fit in

♥

s since SOUTH

must have at least a doubleton. He also knows the partnership holds at least 27 points.

He prefers SOUTH be the Declarer, (to protect against

the opening lead), so he uses a Jacoby Transfer.

The contract might go down if played by NORTH, but is odds on when played by SOUTH.

**Deal 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

7  
17 9  
7

<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 West			

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

W N  
S E

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

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

EAST, with 9 points and a 4-card

♥

suit is just strong

enough to use Stayman.

WEST shows 4 ♠s and EAST describes her minimum hand with no ♠ fit by bidding 2 NT.

WEST has a maximum 1 NT opening and bids 3 NT.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 7  
 ♥ 7 5 4  
 ♦ A 9 8 4 3  
 ♣ 10 5

16  
 6 8  
 10

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9  
 ♥ A J 9 8 3  
 ♦ 7 5 2  
 ♣ J 8 6

♠ 10 6 5 3 2  
 ♥ K 6 2  
 ♦ 10  
 ♣ K Q 4 2

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

SOUTH has 11 points and five

♥

s, so she responds

2

♦

as a Jacoby Transfer.

When NORTH bids the required 2

♥

, SOUTH jumps to 3 NT

to show at least 11 points, but only a 5-card

♥

suit.

Since NORTH has only a doubleton

♥

she passes 3 NT.

**Deal 6**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 4

♥ J 4

♦ J 10 6 2

♣ A 10 8 6

♠ Q 8 7 6 3 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 9 5 4

♣ 5 3



♠ K J 5

♥ A 7 6

♦ A 8 3

♣ K Q 9 4

♠ 9

♥ K Q 10 9 3 2

♦ K Q 7

♣ J 7 2

10  
2 17  
11

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♥

Pass

2 ♠ by East

Pass

Pass

1 NT

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

EAST, with a balanced 17 point hand naturally opens 1 NT.

WEST has a really awful hand, but she does hold six ♠s.

So she uses Jacoby Transfer, and when EAST bids 2 ♠ she passes!

**Deal 7**

South Deals

None Vul

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

12  
6 7  
15

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



♠ Q 6 3  
♥ Q 10 9 2  
♦ A 7 6  
♣ A K 3

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

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH has four cards in each Major suit  
- this is an ideal situation for Stayman.

SOUTH shows a



suit and NORTH immediately bids game  
in that suit.

**Deal 8**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A Q 8 2  
♥ A Q 3  
♦ K 10 6 2  
♣ A Q

8  
21 6  
5

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

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



♠ J 10 5  
♥ 10 5  
♦ 9 8 4  
♣ K J 9 7 3

♠ K 9 7 4  
♥ K 8 6 2  
♦ 7 3  
♣ 8 6 5

Stayman convention works just fine after a 2 NT opening, just at a higher level.

EAST knows that 6 points will be enough for game opposite WEST's 20-21, she just

needs to find out if there is a 4-4 Major suit fit. There is, in ♠s.



**Deal 9**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 5 2  
♥ Q 6 5 2  
♦ K J 10 4  
♣ J 4 2

16  
7 8  
9

West

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

4 ♠ by North

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



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

North

1 NT  
2 ♠  
4 ♠

East

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

South

2 ♥  
4 ♥  
Pass

SOUTH has five cards in each Major and NORTH opens 1 NT.

First SOUTH bids 2

♥

, indicating a 5-card ♠ suit with the Transfer bid.

Then, after NORTH bids the obligatory 2♠, SOUTH jumps to 4

♥

, promising

enough strength for game, and also five

♥

s to go with the five ♠s.

NORTH prefers ♠s, so she corrects the contract to 4♠.

**Deal 10**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 5 4 2

♥ 8 7

♦ A 8

♣ Q 7 6 4

6  
11 15  
8

*West*

2 ♥

3 NT

Pass

4 ♠ by East

♠ J 10 7

♥ J 5

♦ 10 9 6 4

♣ A 10 9 3



♠ 8 3

♥ A 10 9 4 3

♦ Q J 7

♣ J 5 2

*North*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*East*

1 NT

2 ♠

4 ♠

*South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

With 12 points and five ♠s, when WEST hears her partner open 1 NT she knows

there is a game - either 3 NT or 4♠.

WEST first transfers EAST to ♠s, then jumps to 3 NT, giving EAST the choice.

EAST has three ♠s, so he chooses 4♠, taking the 8-card Major fit.

**Deal 11**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

10  
4 6  
20

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♥

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ 7 4  
♥ K Q J 7 5 4 2  
♦ A 9 2  
♣ 9

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ Q J 3  
♥ 10 6  
♦ J 7 6 4 3  
♣ Q 4 3

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

♥

s.

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

♠ holding SOUTH might have.

NORTH transfers SOUTH to

♥

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

off two Aces. Missing one Ace he settles for 6

♥

.

**Deal 12**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
15 9  
8

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

♠ 10 3  
♥ A 9 8 4  
♦ Q 9 2  
♣ Q 4 3 2



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

♠ K 9 8 5  
♥ Q 7  
♦ K 8 7  
♣ J 9 6 5

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

With a 4-card ♠ suit she uses Stayman.

WEST then shows his 4-card

♥

suit.

With no

♥

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

WEST declines.

**Deal 13**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

11  
5 8  
16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

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



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

North

2 ♣

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♦

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.

With three trumps SOUTH chooses 4♠.

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 6 5

♥ K 7 6 4

♦ A 3 2

♣ 5 4

5  
9 17  
9

*West*

2 ♣ PASS 2S

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by East

♠ J 10 4

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 8 6 4

♣ A 9 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 2

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K Q 10 7

♣ 10 7 2

*North*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*East*

1 NT

2 ♠

4 ♠

*South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

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 15**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 3 2

♥ J 8 3

♦ J 7 6 3

♣ A 9

7  
10 6  
17

♠ J 10 8 7 6 5

♥ 9

♦ A Q 5

♣ 10 7 2



♠ K Q

♥ A Q 7 5

♦ K 10 9

♣ Q J 8 4

♠ 4

♥ K 10 6 4 2

♦ 8 4 2

♣ K 6 5 3

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

1 NT

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

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 16**

East Deals

None Vul

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

9  
 8 17  
 6

West

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by West

♠ A 10 8 6

♥ 9 4

♦ J 9 7 5 3

♣ K J

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ 9 3

♥ 8 3 2

♦ 10 8 4

♣ A Q 9 5 4

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

2 ♦

4 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

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

He then bids

♥

s, promising five of them.

EAST not only has three

♥

s, she also has 17 points so

she bids 4

♥



**Deal 17**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 6

♥ 9 3

♦ 8 5 3

♣ A K J 9 5

$$\begin{array}{c} 17 \\ 8 \quad 7 \\ 8 \end{array}$$
*West*

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A K J 5

♥ K 6

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 10 7 2



♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ Q J 10 7 5

♦ K 7

♣ 8 3

*North*

1 NT

2 ♠

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 ♣

4 ♠

This is a companion hand to Deal 16.

NORTH shows four ♠s following SOUTH's Stayman bid.

So SOUTH ignores her five

♥

s, having already found

an 8-card Major suit fit. With the fit her hand now revalues to 11 points so she bids 4♠.

**Deal 18**

East Deals

None Vul

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

7  
 8 17  
 8

West

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ J 3

♥ 8 4 3

♦ J 10 9

♣ K Q 9 6 4

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ 10 9 8 6

♥ A 9 2

♦ 8 5 4 3

♣ A 5

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

2 ♦

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

♥

s.

But in this Deal EAST has only a doubleton

♥

, so he

chooses to play 3 NT.

**Deal 19**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

16  
6 8  
10

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



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

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

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

Even with a 6-card ♠ suit SOUTH 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 NORTH doesn't have four

♥

s so SOUTH just bids

the game where he knows the partnership holds eight trumps.

**Deal 20**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

5  
17 14  
4

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

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



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

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

WEST 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.

EAST's ♣ bid and WEST's



bid are Control bids, showing first

round control of the suit that was bid.

**Deal 21**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

17  
4 8  
11

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ Q 9 6 5  
♥ A Q 9 3  
♦ K Q 8  
♣ A 6



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

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

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♣

3 NT

Pass

SOUTH uses Stayman because he has a 4-card ♠ suit.

NORTH's 2

♥

response wasn't exactly what SOUTH was hoping for,

so SOUTH decides to bid 3 NT.

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

and also knows that it isn't

♥

s.

So NORTH bids 4♠.

**Deal 22**

East Deals

None Vul

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

12  
 3 17  
 8

West

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♥ by East

♠ K Q 5

♥ J 5

♦ 4 2

♣ K Q J 7 6 3

W N  
 S E

♠ 8 3 2

♥ 10 9 3

♦ K J 9

♣ A 8 5 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

2 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

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

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

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

EAST bids 2

♥

and WEST passes. He would have passed

either 2 ♠ or 2

♦

also.

**Deal 23**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 9 5  
♥ 10 4  
♦ 9 8 5 3  
♣ A 10 6 4

11  
4 8  
17

West

Pass  
Pass

3 NT by South

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



♠ A Q 6 2  
♥ K J 8  
♦ A 6 2  
♣ K 8 7

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT  
Pass

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

Here NORTH 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 3 NT.

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

a ♠ contract because neither hand can ruff any losers.

**Deal 24**

West Deals

None Vul

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

6  
 17 8  
 9

*West*

1 NT

2 ♠

4 ♠

4 ♠ by West

♠ 5 2

♥ A 9 8 2

♦ J 10 9 4

♣ J 6 2



♠ A 9 3

♥ 10 6

♦ 8 5 2

♣ K Q 9 7 3

*North*

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ Q 10 8 6 4

♥ Q 7 3

♦ A 6

♣ 10 8 4

*East*

2 ♥

2 NT

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

She bids it in the standard way - first transfer WEST to ♠s, then invite

the game by bidding 2 NT.

WEST, with 17 points and three ♠s, accepts the game invitation and chooses 4♠.