

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 2
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ 9 7 6 3
 ♣ A J 7 3

16
 8 5
 11

♠ A 7 5
 ♥ Q J 6
 ♦ A K 5 2
 ♣ Q 10 9



♠ K 9 8 6 4
 ♥ A K 5 3
 ♦ J 8
 ♣ 6 4

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

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

Because SOUTH holds a 4-card Major suit, (

♠™

s), he starts his

responses with Stayman.

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

♠™

s.

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

between 4♠™ or 3 NT.

With three trumps NORTH chooses 4♠™.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K Q 10 7
♣ 10 7 2

9
9 5
17

West

♠ Q 8 6 5
♥ K 7 6 4
♦ A 3 2
♣ 5 4



♠ A K 7 3
♥ Q J 2
♦ J 5
♣ K Q J 6

*North**East**South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

2 ♣ PASS 2S

3 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT

2 ♠

4 ♠

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

When SOUTH bids 1st s, NORTH isn't strong enough to bid game herself, so she temporizes

with a 3rd invitation.

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

Deal 3

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 a game.

The question is: how high?

NORTH transfers SOUTH to a game, then invites by raising to 3 a game.

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

So she bids the a game game.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 8 6

♥ 9 4

♦ J 9 7 5 3

♣ K J

17
9 6
8

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K J 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A Q 2

♣ 10 7 6 2



♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ Q J 10 7 5

♦ K 6

♣ 8 3

North

1 NT

2 ♦

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

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

NORTH denies a 4-card Major, so SOUTH realizes that 4♥s are out.

He then bids

2♣

s, promising five of them.

NORTH not only has three

2♥

s, she also has 17 points so

she bids 4

4♥

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Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3
 ♥ A 8 4 2
 ♦ J 10 9 4
 ♣ Q 6 4

8
 7 8
 17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ Q 7 4 2
 ♥ Q J 10 7 5
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ 8 3



♠ A K J 5
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ A Q 6 2
 ♣ 10 7 2

North

2 ♣

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♠

Pass

This is a companion hand to Deal 16.

SOUTH shows four TMs following NORTH's Stayman bid.

So NORTH ignores her five

TMY

s, having already found

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

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 6

♥ A 9 2

♦ 8 5 4 3

♣ A 5

8
8 7
17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ Q J 10 7 5

♦ K 7

♣ 8 3



♠ A K 5

♥ K 6

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ J 10 7 2

North

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♦

3 NT

This is companion #3 to Deal 16 and 17.

NORTH again starts with Stayman, and after SOUTH denies a 4-card Major,

NORTH shows her five

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s.

But in this Deal SOUTH has only a doubleton

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, so he

chooses to play 3 NT.