

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 7
♥ A 10 4
♦ K 9
♣ Q J 10 8 5

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

15
6 7
12

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

<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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 2

♥ A 10 7 4 2

♦ J 10 7

♣ Q 5 3

9
7
15

♠ K J 8 7 5 4

♥ 8 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ 7 2

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	S	

♠ A 9 3
♥ J 5
♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ K J 9 4

♠ Q 10
♥ K Q 9 3
♦ A 5 2
♣ A 10 8 6

West North East South

1 NT

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

NORTH, 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 SOUTH to be the Declarer so she bids 2

♥

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

closes the auction with SOUTH as Declarer.

Deal 3

North Deals	♠ K 7 5
None Vul	♥ Q 9 3
	♦ K 7 5
	♣ A K J 3
♠ J 9 8	♠ A Q 10 2
♥ 10 8 2	♥ 4
♦ A Q J 6	♦ 10 9 4 3
♣ 9 5 2	♣ 10 8 6 4

¹⁶ 8 6 ¹⁰	♠ 6 4 3 ♥ A K J 7 6 5 ♦ 8 2 ♣ Q 7
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West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

SOUTH knows the partnership has a fit in

♥

s since NORTH

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

He prefers NORTH be the Declarer, (to protect against

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

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

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

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

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

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South



♠ Q J 9 2
♥ 7
♦ 10 8 5 3
♣ A 7 6 3

NORTH, with 9 points and a 4-card

♥

suit is just strong

enough to use Stayman.

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

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

Deal 5

North Deals	♠ K J 4
None Vul	♥ Q 10
	♦ K Q J 6
	♣ A 9 7 3
♠ Q 8 7	♠ 10 6 5 3 2
♥ 7 5 4	♥ K 6 2
♦ A 9 8 4 3	♦ 10
♣ 10 5	♣ K Q 4 2
16 6 8 10	♠ A 9 ♥ AJ 9 8 3 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ J 8 6

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

South Deals

None Vul

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Deal 7

North Deals	♠ Q 6 3
None Vul	♥ Q 10 9 2
	♦ A 7 6
	♣ A K 3
♠ 9 5 4	♠ J 10 8
♥ 7 5 3	♥ K 4
♦ K Q J 8	♦ 10 9 4 2
♣ J 6 2	♣ Q 9 7 5

$\begin{matrix} 15 \\ 7 \quad 6 \\ 12 \end{matrix}$		$\begin{matrix} ♠ A K 7 2 \\ ♥ A J 8 6 \\ ♦ 5 3 \\ ♣ 10 8 4 \end{matrix}$
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
4 ♥ by North			

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

NORTH shows a

♥

suit and SOUTH immediately bids game in that suit.

Deal 8
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 3
♥ J 9 7 4
♦ A Q J 5
♣ 10 4 2

6
8 5
21

♠ K 9 7 4
♥ K 8 6 2
♦ 7 3
♣ 8 6 5

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♠ J 10 5
♥ 10 5
♦ 9 8 4
♣ K J 9 7 3

♠ A Q 8 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ K 10 6 2
♣ A Q

West North East South
Pass 3 ♣ Pass 3 ♣
Pass 4 ♣ Pass Pass
Pass
4 ♣ by South

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

NORTH knows that 6 points will be enough for game opposite SOUTH'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	♠ A J 10
None Vul	♥ K 9
	♦ A 8 7 2
	♣ A 10 9 6
	♠ 5 2
	♥ Q 6 5 2
	♦ K J 10 4
	♣ J 4 2
	16 7 8 9
	♠ Q 9 8 7 4 ♥ A J 10 8 3 ♦ Q 6 ♣ 5

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



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 10South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3
 ♥ A 10 9 4 3
 ♦ Q J 7
 ♣ J 5 2

♠ K Q 5 4 2

♥ 8 7

♦ A 8

♣ Q 7 6 4

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 8 6
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♠ A 9 6

♥ K Q 6 2

♦ K 5 3 2

♣ K 8

♠ J 10 7

♥ J 5

♦ 10 9 6 4

♣ A 10 9 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

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

there is a game - either 3 NT or 4 ♠.

NORTH first transfers SOUTH to ♠s, then jumps to 3 NT, giving SOUTH the choice.

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

Deal 11

North Deals	♠ K 8 6
None Vul	♥ A 9 3
	♦ K Q 8
	♣ A K J 2
♠ Q J 3	♠ A 10 9 5 2
♥ 10 6	♥ 8
♦ J 7 6 4 3	♦ 10 5
♣ Q 4 3	♣ 10 8 7 6 5

20	♠ 7 4
6 4	♥ K Q J 7 5 4 2
10	♦ A 9 2

♣ 9

West	North	East	South
	2 NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by North



for 6

♥

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

♥

s.

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

♠ holding NORTH might have.

SOUTH transfers NORTH to

♥

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

off two Aces. Missing one Ace he settles

Deal 12
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 10 3
 ♥ A 9 8 4
 ♦ Q 9 2
 ♣ Q 4 3 2

9
8
15

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♠ K 9 8 5
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ K 8 7
 ♣ J 9 6 5

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

♠ A 6
 ♥ K J 5 3
 ♦ A 6 5 4
 ♣ K 10 7

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

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

With a 4-card ♠ suit she uses Stayman.

SOUTH then shows his 4-card

♥

suit.

With no

♥

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

SOUTH declines.

Deal 13
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q J 2
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ 9 7 6 3
 ♣ A J 7 3

16
 8 5
 11

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 7 5
 ♥ Q J 6
 ♦ A K 5 2
 ♣ Q 10 9

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

♠ K 9 8 6 4
 ♥ A K 5 3
 ♦ J 8
 ♣ 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	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 14
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

9	♠ A K 7 3
9 5	♥ Q J 2
17	♦ J 5
	♣ K Q J 6



♠ J 10 4	♦ 10 5
♦ 9 8 6 4	♣ A 9 8 3

West North East South

Pass	2 ♠ PASS	2 S	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

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

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

with a 3♠ invitation.

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

Deal 15
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ 4 ♥ K 10 6 4 2 ♦ 8 4 2 ♣ K 6 5 3 17 6 10 7	♠ K Q ♥ A Q 7 5 ♦ K 10 9 ♣ Q J 8 4 ♠ A 9 3 2 ♥ J 8 3 ♦ J 7 6 3 ♣ A 9 ♠ J 10 8 7 6 5 ♥ 9 ♦ A Q 5 ♣ 10 7 2
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<i>West</i> Pass Pass Pass 4 ♠ by North	<i>North</i> 1 NT 2 ♠ 4 ♠	<i>East</i> Pass Pass Pass	<i>South</i> 2 ♥ 3 ♠ Pass
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SOUTH, with 9 points and a 6-card suit, knows they should play in ♠s.

The question is: how high?

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

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

So she bids the ♠ game.

Deal 16South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 3
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 10 8 4
♣ A Q 9 5 4

8
6 9
17



♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ Q J 10 7 5
♦ K 6
♣ 8 3

♠ A 10 8 6
♥ 9 4
♦ J 9 7 5 3
♣ K J

♠ K J 5
♥ A K 6
♦ A Q 2
♣ 10 7 6 2

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

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

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

He then bids



s, promising five of them.

SOUTH not only has three



s, she also has 17 points so

she bids 4



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Deal 17
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ A 8 4 2
♦ J 10 9 4
♣ Q 6 4

8
7 8
17

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ Q J 10 7 5
♦ K 7
♣ 8 3

♠ 10 9 6
♥ 9 3
♦ 8 5 3
♣ A K J 9 5

♠ A K J 5
♥ K 6
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ 10 7 2

West North East South
Pass 2 ♣ Pass 2 ♠
Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass
Pass
4 ♠ by South

This is a companion hand to Deal 16.

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

So NORTH 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
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 6
 ♥ A 9 2
 ♦ 8 5 4 3
 ♣ A 5

8
 8 7
 17

♠ Q 7 4 2
 ♥ Q J 10 7 5
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ 8 3

♠ J 3
 ♥ 8 4 3
 ♦ J 10 9
 ♣ K Q 9 6 4

♠ A K 5
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ A Q 6 2
 ♣ J 10 7 2

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

3 NT by South

♠ A K 5
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ A Q 6 2
 ♣ J 10 7 2

8
 8 7
 17

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

♥

S.

But in this Deal SOUTH 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 ♠ 7 3 ♥ J 10 9 4 ♦ A K 6 ♣ 10 7 4 2 ♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4 ♥ Q 7 5 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A Q
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West North East South

Pass 1 NT Pass 2 ♣
 Pass 2 ♦ Pass 4 ♠
 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

South Deals	♠ K Q 3
None Vul	♥ Q 10 9 8 4 3
	♦ K 5
	♣ A 5
♠ J 10 6	♠ 9 8 5 4 2
♥ A 2	♥ 7
♦ 10 9 7 3 2	♦ Q J 6
♣ 9 6 3	♣ J 7 4 2

$\begin{matrix} 14 \\ 5 \quad 4 \\ 17 \end{matrix}$	 $\begin{matrix} ♠ A 7 \\ ♥ K J 6 5 \\ ♦ A 8 4 \\ ♣ K Q 10 8 \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} ♠ 9 8 5 4 2 \\ ♥ 7 \\ ♦ Q J 6 \\ ♣ J 7 4 2 \end{matrix}$
West	North	East
		South

Pass 2 ♦ Pass 3 ♥
 Pass 4 ♣ Pass 4 ♦
 Pass 6 ♥ Pass Pass

Pass
 6 ♥ by South

SOUTH 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.

NORTH's ♣ bid and SOUTH'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
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 4 8
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	S	

♠ 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

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

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
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3 2
♥ 10 9 3
♦ K J 9
♣ A 8 5 2

3
8 12
17



♠ J 9 7 4
♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ 10 8 7 6
♣ 4

♠ A 10 6
♥ A K 7 4
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ 10 9

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

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

But NORTH figures that having SOUTH 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.

SOUTH bids 2



and NORTH passes. He would have passed

either 2♠ or 2



also.

Deal 23

North Deals

None Vul

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

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

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			



♠ 10 9 5	♦ 10 4
♦ 9 8 5 3	♣ A 10 6 4

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 3 NT.

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

a ♠ contract because neither hand can ruff any losers.

Deal 24South Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ A 9 8 2
♦ J 10 9 4
♣ J 6 2

8
6 9
17

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 10 8 6 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ A 6
♣ 10 8 4

♠ A 9 3
♥ 10 6
♦ 8 5 2
♣ K Q 9 7 3

♠ K J 7
♥ K J 5 4
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

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

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

the game by bidding 2 NT.

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