

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 8

♥ 8 6 4

♦ 7 6 5 4 2

♣ 3 2

♠ Q T 9

♥ A Q J 3

♦ A T 8

♣ Q J 6

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♠ A 7 6 5 3 2

♥ 5 2

♦ 9

♣ T 9 7 4

♠ 4

♥ K T 9 7

♦ K Q J 3

♣ A K 8 5

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

6♥ by South

Baker Stayman 7

North opens 1NT. What do you respond?

You have another big hand. And with a 4-card Major you start with 2♣. Partner answers 2♥ and it's your turn again.

What with your singleton ♠ you certainly have enough points for slam. But since it's possible partner has only one Ace you check with Blackwood. Partner says 5♥ and you say . . . What?

Missing one Ace you bid 6♥.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 8 7 6 3

♥ 3

♦ J T 4

♣ A T 7 6

♠ A K Q 4 2

♥ J T 7 6

♦ 7 5

♣ 9 3

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♠ T

♥ A 8 4 2

♦ Q 9 8 2

♣ J 5 4 2

♠ 9 5

♥ K Q 9 5

♦ A K 6 3

♣ K Q 8

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

4♥ by North

Baker Stayman 8

South opens 1NT. What do you respond?

This may go against your instincts, but if you're going to play Stayman then you should follow the rules.

Granted that you have a great ♠ suit, you also have 4 ♥s. And when you have a 4-card Major you use Stayman. You bid 2♣ and partner says 2♥.

That is why you used Stayman - to uncover a 4-4 Major suit fit. Having done so you know that you will play in ♥s and you have enough points to bid game. You bid 4♥.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7 5 3

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♦ K Q 2
♣ J 7 6 5

♠ A K Q 4 2

♥ JT 76

◆ 75

♣ 9 3

N
W E
S

◆ T 86

• K 05

◆ A864

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♠ J 9

♥ A 8 3

♦ JT 93

♣ Q 8 4 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Stayman 9
South opens 1NT. What do you respond?

Yes, this is the same hand as Deal 8. Again you bid 2♣. This time partner says 2♦.

You need to describe your hand clearly to partner with this bid. You want to show a game-forcing hand (11 points or more) with 4 hearts and 5 spades. You do that by now jumping to 3♠.

If partner had just 2 ♠s he would have bid 3NT.
Since he has 3 ♠s he bids 4♠.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7 5 3

♥ 8 5

♦ K T 8 5 3 2

♣ A 9

♠ K T 4 2

♥ A Q T 9 6 3

♦ -

♣ 8 7 4

	N	
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	S	

♠ 8 6

♥ 7 4 2

♦ A J 9

♣ K J T 6 2

♠ A Q J 9

♥ K J

♦ Q 7 6 4

♣ Q 5 3

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Stayman 10

Even when you hold a 6-card Major, if you have 4 cards in the other Major you use Stayman. Partner answers 2♠. What do you bid?

You've found an 8-card Major fit and you know there are enough points for game. So you bid 4♠.

Yes, but you already knew you had an 8-card ♥ fit since partner's 1NT promised at least 2 ♥s. In fact, you could play game in either Major. However, it is often better to play in a 4-4 fit rather than a 5-3 or 6-2. This hand shows why. Played in ♥s you will make exactly T tricks with any opening lead. Played in ♠s you will again make T tricks when the defenders start with their 3 ♣ winners. If they start with anything else you are very likely to make 1 or 2 overtricks by discarding dummy losers on your ♥ suit.

Board 5

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 9 3
♥ 7 4 2
♦ K J T 8 3
♣ K T 2

♠ K T 4 2

♥ A Q T 9 6 3
♦ -

♣ 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 8 7 6 5
♥ 8 5
♦ A 9 5 2
♣ A J 9

♠ A Q J
♥ K J
♦ Q 7 6 4
♣ Q 6 5 3

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

4♥ by North

Baker Stayman 11

This is the follow-up to Deal T. South opens 1NT. What do you respond?

Just like the previous deal with a 4-card Major you use Stayman. This time partner says 2♦. Your turn again.

With partner showing no 4-card Major the bidding takes a turn. With your 6♥s you are sure of an 8-card fit in the suit. With 11 points you must be sure of reaching game. So you bid 4♥.

In this case the strong hand does not become declarer, but the contract is the right one anyway.

Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 5

♥ J T 6

♦ K 8 2

♣ J 9 6 3

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q 7 4

♦ 7 6 4 3

♣ A 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 7 6

♥ 9 8 5 2

♦ A T

♣ T 5 4

♠ K T 4 2

♥ A 3

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ K Q 7

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

2 NT by North

Baker Stayman 12

You open 1NT and partner responds 2♣. What do you bid?

Partner has commanded you to bid a 4-card Major if you have one. You have one, so you bid 2♠. Partner now says 2NT. What do you bid?

Partner evidently has 4 ♥s. He also evidently has about 9 points since he is INVITING you to bid 3NT. With your minimum 15 points you decline the invitation by passing.