

Deal 1

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 6 4 10	♠ 7 4 ♥ K Q J 7 5 4 2 ♦ 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

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s.

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

â™ holding NORTH might have.

SOUTH transfers NORTH to

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

off two Aces. Missing one Ace he settles

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 8 5
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ K 8 7
 ♣ J 9 6 5

8
 9 15
 8

West
 2♣
 2 NT
 2 NT by East

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

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 W E
 S

♠ A 6
 ♥ K J 5 3
 ♦ A 6 5 4
 ♣ K 10 7

♠ 10 3
 ♥ A 9 8 4
 ♦ Q 9 2
 ♣ Q 4 3 2

North *East* *South*
 Pass 1 NT Pass
 Pass 2♥ Pass
 Pass Pass Pass

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

With a 4-card â™ suit she uses Stayman.

EAST then shows his 4-card

â™Y

suit.

With no

â™Y

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

EAST declines.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 7 3
 ♥ Q J 2
 ♦ J 5
 ♣ K Q J 6

9
 17 9
 5



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

♠ Q 8 6 5
 ♥ K 7 6 4
 ♦ A 3 2
 ♣ 5 4

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

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

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

When WEST bids 17TMs, EAST isn't strong enough to bid game herself, so she temporizes

with a 3TM invitation.

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

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

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

17	6 10
7	

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



♠ 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

SOUTH, with 9 points and a 6-card suit, knows they should play in \hat{a}^{TM} s.

The question is: how high?

SOUTH transfers NORTH to \hat{a}^{TM} s, then invites by raising to $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

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

So she bids the \hat{a}^{TM} game.