

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

20  
6 4  
10

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

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



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

North

2 NT

3 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♦

4 NT

6 ♥

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

for 6

♠

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**Deal 2**

East 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 3

♥ A 9 8 4

♦ Q 9 2

♣ Q 4 3 2

*North*

Pass

Pass

*East*

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

With a 4-card ♠ suit she uses Stayman.

EAST then shows his 4-card

♠

suit.

With no

♠

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

EAST declines.

**Deal 3**

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, (

♠<sup>TM</sup>♣

s), he starts his

responses with Stayman.

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

♠<sup>TM</sup>♣

s.

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

between 4♠<sup>TM</sup> or 3 NT.

With three trumps NORTH chooses 4♠<sup>TM</sup>.

**Deal 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
17 9  
5

*West*

1 NT

2 ♠

4 ♠

4 ♠ by West

♠ 9 2

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K Q 10 7

♣ 10 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 10 4

♥ 10 5

♦ 9 8 6 4

♣ A 9 8 3

*North*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*East*

2 ♣ PASS 2S

3 ♠

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

When WEST bids 3<sup>♠</sup>s, EAST isn't strong enough to bid game herself, so she temporizes

with a 3<sup>♠</sup> invitation.

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

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

17  
6 10  
7

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

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

SOUTH, with 9 points and a 6-card suit, knows they should play in 4♠.

The question is: how high?

SOUTH transfers NORTH to 3♥, then invites by raising to 4♥.

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

So she bids the 4♥ game.