

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ K J 4 2
♣ J 7 2

♠ Q 6 3

♥ Q T 9 2

♦ A 7 6

♣ A K 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 7 2
♥ A J 8 6
♦ 5 3
♣ T 8 4

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

4♥ by South

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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.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 9 7 4
♥ K 8 6 2
♦ 7 3
♣ 8 6 5

♠ T 5
♥ T 5 4
♦ A 8
♣ K T 7 4 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 8 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ K T 6 2
♣ A Q

♠ J 6 3
♥ J 9 7
♦ Q J 9 5 4
♣ J 9

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

4 ♠ by West

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

WEST knows that 6 points will be enough for game opposite EAST's 20-21, she just

needs to find out if there is a 4-4 Major suit fit. There is, in s.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 2
♥ Q 2
♦ J T 9 5 4
♣ K Q J 8 2

♠ Q 9 8 7 4

♥ A J T 8 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 5



♠ K 6 5 3
♥ 7 6 5 4
♦ K 3
♣ 7 4 3

♠ A J T
♥ K 9
♦ A 8 7 2
♣ A T 9 6

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

All Pass

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NORTH has five cards in each Major and SOUTH opens 1NT.

First NORTH bids 2

, indicating a 5-card suit with the Transfer bid.

Then, after SOUTH bids the obligatory 2 NORTH jumps to 4

, promising

enough strength for game, and also five

4 ♠ by South

s to go with the five s.

SOUTH prefers so she corrects the contract to 4 .

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 9 6
♥ K Q 6 2
♦ K 5 3 2
♣ K 8

♠ T

♥ J T 9 5

♦ Q J T 4

♣ A 5 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 8 7 3
♥ A 4 3
♦ 9 7 6
♣ J T 9

♠ K Q 5 4 2
♥ 8 7
♦ A 8
♣ Q 7 6 4

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

4 ♠ by West

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With 12 points and five spades when EAST hears her partner open 1NT she knows

there is a game - either 3NT or 4 spades.

EAST first transfers WEST to 5 when jumps to 3NT, giving WEST the choice.

WEST has three spades so he chooses 4 spades taking the 8-card Major fit.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 2

♥ T 6

♦ J T 6 4 3

♣ T 5 4

♠ K 8 6

♥ A 9 3

♦ K Q 8

♣ A K J 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J T 5 3

♥ 8

♦ 7 5

♣ Q 8 7 6 3

♠ 7 4

♥ K Q J 7 5 4 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ 9

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

6♥ by South

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After NORTH opens 2NT, 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

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 8 5
♥ Q 7
♦ K 8 7
♣ J 9 6 5

♠ Q J T 4

♥ A 9 8 6 2

♦ Q T 2

♣ 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 6
♥ K J 5 3
♦ A 6 5 4
♣ K T 7

♠ 7 3 2
♥ T 4
♦ J 9 3
♣ A Q 8 3 2

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

2 NT by West

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

With a 4-card suit she uses Stayman.

EAST then shows his 4-card

suit.

With no

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

EAST declines.