

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 5 2
♥ Q J 4 2
♦ A
♣ J 10 9 5 2

17
8 6
9

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ K Q J 4
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ J 7 3
♣ A Q



♠ A 10 9 6
♥ 6 3
♦ Q 10 8 4
♣ K 8 3

North

1 NT

2 ♥

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 NT

Pass

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

When you have 4 cards in both Majors
you respond 2 ♥. Partner bids 2 NT. What
is your next bid?

Partner would never bid Stayman
without a 4-card Major. Since he did not
like your ♥ bid it is clear that his 4-card
Major must be ♠s. His 2 NT bid was an
invitation for you to bid 3 NT, which
means he has about 9 points. Knowing
that partner has 9 points and 4 ♠s, your
call is clear : 4 ♠.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

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

7
 11 17
 5

West

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ 10 9 7 6 3

♥ 5 4 3

♦ A K 4

♣ 4 3



♠ 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 6 5 2

♣ K J 6 5 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ K J 4

♥ A 8

♦ Q J 7 3

♣ A Q 10 8

East

1 NT

2 ♦

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

You do not have a 4-card Major. So your
 correct response is 2 ♦. Partner bids 2 ♥.

Partner has described a hand with 4 ♠s
 and 5 ♥s. You don't know his strength but
 it must be at least 9 points. You know
 that you have just a 7-card fit in both
 Majors, and since you have a full 17
 points you bid 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 6 5 4 3

♥ A 8

♦ J 8 2

♣ 8 7

$$\begin{matrix} & 17 \\ 6 & 8 \\ & 9 \end{matrix}$$
West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K 7

♥ Q J 10

♦ A K 9 5

♣ K J 9 4



♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 7 3

♣ Q 10 6

North

1 NT

2 ♦

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

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

Your 2 ♦ response tells partner you have
no 4-card Major suit. Then he bids 2 ♥.
What do you say next?

Partner knows you do not have 4 ♥s, but
he bid the suit anyway. He must have 5 of
them and he must also have 4 ♠s (since
he used Stayman). But it's the ♥s you are
interested in. Partner has 5 and you have
3. So you know of an 8-card Major suit
fit. And you also know you have a
maximum 1 NT opening. So you say 4 ♥.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K
♥ Q J 9
♦ K Q 8 3
♣ A J 10 7

7
20 8
5

West	North	East	South
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by West			

♠ 8
♥ A 8 2
♦ 10 9 7 5
♣ K 9 8 6 2



♠ 10 9 5 4 2
♥ 6 5 4
♦ A J 6
♣ 4 3

♠ Q J 7 6 3
♥ K 10 7 3
♦ 4 2
♣ Q 5

With a balanced 20 points you open 2 NT and partner responds 3 ♣. What do you bid?

Stayman applies after a 2 NT opening, just one level higher. With no 4-card Major you bid 3 ♦. Partner next bids 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner is showing 5 ♠s and 4 ♥s. In neither case would you have the 8-card fit you need. So you bid 3 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 3
♣ A 8 6 5 3

21
8 4
7

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ K J 10 5
♥ A Q J 9
♦ A J 9
♣ K Q



♠ Q 9 6 3
♥ K 5
♦ Q 8 7 5
♣ 7 4 2

North

2 NT
3 ♥
4 ♠

East

Pass
Pass
Pass

South

3 ♣
3 NT
Pass

You open 2 NT and partner responds 3 ♣.
What do you bid?

With 4 cards in each Major suit you bid
3 ♥. Partner puts you in 3 NT. What do
you do? Pass or bid?

You certainly do not pass. Partner's
Stayman bid tells you he has a 4-card
Major suit. His 3 NT bid tells you the suit
was not ♥s. Elementary, Watson, the suit
must be ♠s. So you convert the 3 NT bid
to 4 ♠.

If you want to make yourself happy you
use Stayman, just imagine playing 3 NT
after a ♣ lead!