

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 3
♥ 10 6
♦ J 7 6 4 3
♣ Q 4 3

20
6 4
10

West

♠ 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

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

♠™

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

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 3
 ♥ A 9 8 4
 ♦ Q 9 2
 ♣ Q 4 3 2

9
 8 8
 15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ K 9 8 5

♥ Q 7

♦ K 8 7

♣ J 9 6 5

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 6

♥ K J 5 3

♦ A 6 5 4

♣ K 10 7

North

2 ♣

2 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

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

With a 4-card ♠ suit she uses Stayman.

SOUTH then shows his 4-card

♠

suit.

With no

♠

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

SOUTH declines.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 3
♥ 10 9 8 4
♦ Q 10 4
♣ K 8 5 2

11
5 8
16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ K 9 8 6 4
♥ A K 5 3
♦ J 8
♣ 6 4



♠ A 7 5
♥ Q J 6
♦ A K 5 2
♣ Q 10 9

North

2 ♣

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♦

4 ♠

Because NORTH holds a 4-card Major suit, (

♠™

s), he starts his

responses with Stayman.

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

♠™

s.

He next bids ♠™ s, showing five of them. He jumps to 3♠™, giving SOUTH the choice

between 4♠™ or 3 NT.

With three trumps SOUTH chooses 4♠™ .

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K Q 10 7
♣ 10 7 2

9
9 5
17

West

♠ Q 8 6 5
♥ K 7 6 4
♦ A 3 2
♣ 5 4



♠ A K 7 3
♥ Q J 2
♦ J 5
♣ K Q J 6

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

2 ♣ PASS 2S

3 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT

2 ♠

4 ♠

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

When SOUTH bids 1^{NT}, NORTH isn't strong enough to bid game herself, so she temporizes

with a 3[♠] invitation.

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

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ K 10 6 4 2
♦ 8 4 2
♣ K 6 5 3

17
6 10
7

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ 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

North

1 NT

2 ♠

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

3 ♠

Pass

SOUTH, with 9 points and a 6-card suit, knows they should play in 3♥.

The question is: how high?

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

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

So she bids the 3♠ game.