

Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 5
♥ K 8 4 2
♦ A 9 6 5
♣ T 9 5 4

♠ K Q J 4

♥ A T 9 5

♦ J 7 3

♣ A Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 7 3 2
♥ Q J 7
♦ K 2
♣ J 7 6 2

♠ A T 9 6
♥ 6 3
♦ Q T 8 4
♣ K 8 3

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Stayman 16

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

When you have 4 cards in both Majors you respond 2♥. Partner bids 2NT. 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 2NT bid was an invitation for you to bid 3NT, which means he has about 9 points. Knowing that partner has 9 points and 4 ♠s, your call is clear : 4♠.

Board 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 3
♥ J 5 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ 6 5 3

♠ A Q 5 2
♥ K Q T 9 6
♦ T 9
♣ 9 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 7 6
♥ 7 4
♦ K 8 6 5
♣ K J 4 2

♠ K J 4
♥ A 8
♦ Q J 7 3
♣ A Q T 8

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

Baker Stayman 17

You open 1NT 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 3NT.

Board 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 8 4

♥ A 8 2

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 7 2

♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 7 3

♣ Q T 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 6 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ J T 2

♣ A 8 5 3

♠ K 7
 ♥ Q J T
 ♦ A K 9 5
 ♣ K J 9 4

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

All Pass

4♥ by South

Baker Stayman 18

You open 1NT 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 1NT opening. So you say 4♥.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 4

♥ A 8

♦ T 9 5

♣ K 9 4 3 2

♠ Q J 7 6 3

♥ K T 7 3

♦ 4 2

♣ Q 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 5 2

♥ 6 5 4 2

♦ A J 7 6

♣ 8 6

♠ A K

♥ Q J 9

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ A J T 7

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

All Pass

3 NT by South

Baker Stayman 19

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

Stayman applies after a 2NT 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 3NT.

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 4
♥ T 8 7 3
♦ 6 4 2
♣ A 8 3

♠ K J T 5

♥ A Q J 9

♦ A J 9

♣ K Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 2
♥ 6 4 2
♦ K T 3
♣ J T 9 6 5

♠ Q 9 6 3
♥ K 5
♦ Q 8 7 5
♣ 7 4 2

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Stayman 20

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

With 4 cards in each Major suit you bid 3♥. Partner puts you in 3NT. 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 3NT bid tells you the suit was not ♥s. Elementary, Watson, the suit must be ♠s. So you convert the 3NT bid to 4♠.

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