

**Deal 1**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

	♠ A 10 9 2		
	♥ Q 9 7 3		
	♦ A Q 4		
	♣ 9 6		
♠ J 8 5	♠ 6 4 3		
♥ K 6	♥ J 8 5 2		
♦ 8 7 5 3 2	♦ J 10 6		
♣ K 7 3	♣ A 4 2		
	♠ K Q 7		
12	♥ A 10 4		
7 6	♦ K 9		
15	♣ Q J 10 8 5		
West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

NORTH's 2♣ bid is Stayman, asking for a 4-card Major.

SOUTH's 2

♦

bid denies four cards in either Major.

NORTH knows there is no 8-card Major fit. He also knows the partnership has at least 26 points

so he bids 3 NT.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 2

♥ A 10 7 4 2

♦ J 10 7

♣ Q 5 3

9  
7  
15

♠ K J 8 7 5 4

♥ 8 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ Q 10  
♥ K Q 9 3  
♦ A 5 2  
♣ A 10 8 6

West      North      East      South

1 NT

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

NORTH, with 11 points and six ♠s, knows immediately that the final contract will be 4 ♠

since the partners must have at least eight ♠s and at least 26 points.

She concludes that it might be better for SOUTH to be the Declarer so she bids 2

♥

as a Jacoby Transfer. When SOUTH makes the required 2 ♠ bid she just bids 4 ♠ which

closes the auction with SOUTH as Declarer.

**Deal 3**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A Q 10 2  
♥ 4  
♦ 10 9 4 3  
♣ 10 8 6 4

10  
6 8  
16

N  
W E  
S

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

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

♠ K 7 5  
♥ Q 9 3  
♦ K 7 5  
♣ A K J 3

West      North      East      South  
Pass      2 ♦      Pass      2 ♥  
Pass      4 ♥      Pass      Pass  
Pass

4 ♥ by South

NORTH knows the partnership has a fit in

♥

s since SOUTH

must have at least a doubleton. He also knows the partnership holds at least 27 points.

He prefers SOUTH be the Declarer, (to protect against

the opening lead), so he uses a Jacoby Transfer.

The contract might go down if played by NORTH, but is odds on when played by SOUTH.

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

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

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South



♠ Q J 9 2
♥ 7
♦ 10 8 5 3
♣ A 7 6 3

NORTH, with 9 points and a 4-card

♥

suit is just strong

enough to use Stayman.

SOUTH shows 4 ♠s and NORTH describes her minimum hand with no ♠ fit by bidding 2 NT.

SOUTH has a maximum 1 NT opening and bids 3 NT.

**Deal 5**

South Deals	♠ A 9
None Vul	♥ A J 9 8 3
	♦ 7 5 2
	♣ J 8 6

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

N  
W E  
S

<b>10</b> 8 6 <b>16</b>	♠ K J 4
	♥ Q 10
	♦ K Q J 6
	♣ A 9 7 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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1 NT

Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

NORTH has 11 points and five

♥

s, so she responds

2

♦

as a Jacoby Transfer.

When SOUTH bids the required 2

♥

, NORTH jumps to 3 NT

to show at least 11 points, but only a 5-card

♥

suit.

Since SOUTH has only a doubleton

♥

she passes 3 NT.

**Deal 6**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 7 6 3 2	♦ 9 5 4	♣ 5 3
♥ 8 5		
♦ 9 5 4		
♣ 5 3		

♠ 9	♦ K Q 10 9 3 2	♣ J 7 2
♥ K Q 10 9 3 2		
♦ K Q 7		
♣ J 7 2		



♠ A 10 4	♦ J 4	♣ A 10 8 6
♥ J 4	♦ J 10 6 2	
♦ J 10 6 2		
♣ A 10 8 6		

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♠ by South			

SOUTH, with a balanced 17 point hand naturally opens 1 NT.

NORTH has a really awful hand, but she does hold six ♠s.

So she uses Jacoby Transfer, and when SOUTH bids 2♠ she passes!

**Deal 7**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

**12**  
**6 7**  
**15**

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

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

♠ Q 6 3  
♥ Q 10 9 2  
♦ A 7 6  
♣ A K 3

West      North      East      South

Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH has four cards in each Major suit  
- this is an ideal situation for Stayman.

SOUTH shows a

♥

suit and NORTH immediately bids game  
in that suit.

**Deal 8**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
8 5  
21

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

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ A Q 8 2  
♥ A Q 3  
♦ K 10 6 2  
♣ A Q

West      North      East      South  
Pass      3 ♣      Pass      3 ♣  
Pass      4 ♣      Pass      Pass  
Pass  
4 ♣ by South

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

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

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

**Deal 9**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ K 6 3  
 ♥ 7 4  
 ♦ 9 5 3  
 ♣ K Q 8 7 3

9  
 8 7  
 16

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 5 2  
 ♥ Q 6 5 2  
 ♦ K J 10 4  
 ♣ J 4 2

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

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

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

♥

s to go with the five ♠s.

SOUTH prefers ♠s, so she corrects the contract to 4♠.

**Deal 10**South Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ K Q 5 4 2

♥ 8 7

♦ A 8

♣ Q 7 6 4

<sup>11</sup>  
 8 6  
<sup>15</sup>

♠ A 9 6

♥ K Q 6 2

♦ K 5 3 2

♣ K 8

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

With 12 points and five ♠s, when NORTH hears her partner open 1 NT she knows

there is a game - either 3 NT or 4 ♠.

NORTH first transfers SOUTH to ♠s, then jumps to 3 NT, giving SOUTH the choice.

SOUTH has three ♠s, so he chooses 4 ♠, taking the 8-card Major fit.

**Deal 11**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ A 10 9 5 2  
♥ 8  
♦ 10 5  
♣ 10 8 7 6 5

**10**  
**4 6**  
**20**

N  
W E  
S

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

After SOUTH opens 2 NT, NORTH is pretty sure there will be a slam in

♥

s.

But, the contract should be played from the SOUTH side so the opening lead doesn't go through any vulnerable

♠ holding SOUTH might have.

NORTH transfers SOUTH 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 12**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ 10 3  
 ♥ A 9 8 4  
 ♦ Q 9 2  
 ♣ Q 4 3 2

9  
8  
15

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 NT by South			

♠ K 9 8 5  
 ♥ Q 7  
 ♦ K 8 7  
 ♣ J 9 6 5

♠ Q J 7 4 2  
 ♥ 10 6 2  
 ♦ J 10 3  
 ♣ A 8

N  
W E  
S

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 13**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

♠ Q J 2  
 ♥ 7 2  
 ♦ 9 7 6 3  
 ♣ A J 7 3

16  
 8 5  
 11

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 10 3  
 ♥ 10 9 8 4  
 ♦ Q 10 4  
 ♣ K 8 5 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

Because SOUTH holds a 4-card Major suit, (

♥

s), he starts his

responses with Stayman.

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

♥

s.

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

between 4♠ or 3 NT.

With three trumps NORTH chooses 4♠.

**Deal 14**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

9	♠ A K 7 3
9 5	♥ Q J 2
17	♦ J 5
	♣ K Q J 6



♠ J 10 4	♦ 10 5
♦ 9 8 6 4	♣ A 9 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣ PASS	2S	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

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

When SOUTH bids ♠s, 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 15**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ A 9 3 2  
 ♥ J 8 3  
 ♦ J 7 6 3  
 ♣ A 9

10 7  
 6  
 17

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

♠ 4  
 ♥ K 10 6 4 2  
 ♦ 8 4 2  
 ♣ K 6 5 3

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

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

The question is: how high?

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

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

So she bids the ♠ game.

**Deal 16**

North Deals	♠ K J 5
None Vul	♥ A K 6
	♦ A Q 2
	♣ 10 7 6 2
♠ A 10 8 6	♠ 9 3
♥ 9 4	♥ 8 3 2
♦ J 9 7 5 3	♦ 10 8 4
♣ K J	♣ A Q 9 5 4
9 <sup>17</sup> 8	♠ Q 7 4 2 ♥ Q J 10 7 5 ♦ K 6 ♣ 8 3

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

4 ♥ by South

SOUTH, with a 5-card AND a 4-card Major first uses Stayman.

NORTH denies a 4-card Major, so SOUTH realizes that ♠s are out.

He then bids

♥

s, promising five of them.

NORTH not only has three

♥

s, she also has 17 points so

she bids 4

♥

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**Deal 17**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 3  
♥ A 8 4 2  
♦ J 10 9 4  
♣ Q 6 4

8  
7 8  
17

♠ Q 7 4 2  
♥ Q J 10 7 5  
♦ K 7  
♣ 8 3

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

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

West      North      East      South  
Pass      2 ♣      Pass      2 ♠  
Pass      4 ♠      Pass      Pass  
Pass  
4 ♠ by South

This is a companion hand to Deal 16.

SOUTH shows four ♠s following NORTH's Stayman bid.

So NORTH ignores her five

♥

s, having already found

an 8-card Major suit fit. With the fit her hand now revalues to 11 points so she bids 4♠.

**Deal 18**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

8  
 8 7  
 17

♠ Q 7 4 2  
 ♥ Q J 10 7 5  
 ♦ K 7  
 ♣ 8 3

♠ J 3  
 ♥ 8 4 3  
 ♦ J 10 9  
 ♣ K Q 9 6 4

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

This is companion #3 to Deal 16 and 17.

NORTH again starts with Stayman, and after SOUTH denies a 4-card Major,

NORTH shows her five

♥

s.

But in this Deal SOUTH has only a doubleton

♥

, so he

chooses to play 3 NT.

**Deal 19**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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

<sup>16</sup> 6 8 <sup>10</sup>	<sup>16</sup> ♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4 ♥ Q 7 5 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A Q
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<b>N</b> <b>W</b> <b>E</b> <b>S</b>	♠ 7 3 ♥ J 10 9 4 ♦ A K 6 ♣ 10 7 4 2
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	4 ♠
4 ♠ by South			

Even with a 6-card ♠ suit SOUTH uses Stayman because he also has a 4-card

♥

suit. Given a choice, playing a 4-4 Major fit is usually

preferable to a 6-2 or even a 6-3 fit.

But here NORTH doesn't have four

♥

s so SOUTH just bids

the game where he knows the partnership holds eight trumps.

**Deal 20**

South Deals	♠ K Q 3
None Vul	♥ Q 10 9 8 4 3
	♦ K 5
	♣ A 5
♠ J 10 6	♠ 9 8 5 4 2
♥ A 2	♥ 7
♦ 10 9 7 3 2	♦ Q J 6
♣ 9 6 3	♣ J 7 4 2

$\begin{matrix} 14 \\ 5 \quad 4 \\ 17 \end{matrix}$		$\begin{matrix} ♠ A 7 \\ ♥ K J 6 5 \\ ♦ A 8 4 \\ ♣ K Q 10 8 \end{matrix}$
West	North	East
		South

Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

SOUTH breaks the expected Transfer sequence by jumping to 3



instead

of bidding just 2



. This is called the "Super Accept" and it shows

a hand with four of the trump suit with maximum point count.

NORTH's ♣ bid and SOUTH's



bid are Control bids, showing first

round control of the suit that was bid.

**Deal 21**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

11	8	4	17
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♠ Q 9 6 5  
 ♥ A Q 9 3  
 ♦ K Q 8  
 ♣ A 6

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

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

♠ 7 2  
 ♥ J 8 7 4 2  
 ♦ J 10 5  
 ♣ Q 9 3

NORTH uses Stayman because he has a 4-card ♠ suit.

SOUTH's 2

♥

response wasn't exactly what NORTH was hoping for,

so NORTH decides to bid 3 NT.

SOUTH absolutely knows that NORTH holds a 4-card Major -

and also knows that it isn't

♥

s.

So SOUTH bids 4♣.

**Deal 22**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

3  
8 12  
17

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ K Q 5  
♥ J 5  
♦ 4 2  
♣ K Q J 7 6 3

♠ A 10 6  
♥ A K 7 4  
♦ A Q 5 3  
♣ 10 9

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

NORTH has a rotten hand, and many players would just pass 1 NT.

But NORTH figures that having SOUTH play any 4-4 fit would be better than 1 NT so

he bids 2♣, Stayman. This is called "Garbage Stayman", and you can see why.

SOUTH bids 2

♥

and NORTH passes. He would have passed

either 2♠ or 2

♦

also.

**Deal 23**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 9 5  
♥ 10 4  
♦ 9 8 5 3  
♣ A 10 6 4

11  
4 8  
17

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K J 7 3  
♥ Q 9 5  
♦ K 10 4  
♣ Q 9 3

♠ 8 4  
♥ A 7 6 3 2  
♦ Q J 7  
♣ J 5 2

♠ A Q 6 2  
♥ K J 8  
♦ A 6 2  
♣ K 8 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			1 NT
3 NT by South			

Just having a 4-card Major doesn't mean you must automatically use Stayman.

Here NORTH has a 4-card ♠ suit, but decides not to seek a 4-4 fit because his

hand wouldn't have any ruffing values in a ♠ contract. He bids 3 NT.

Notice that even though SOUTH also has four ♠s the 4-4 fit is not useful to them in

a ♠ contract because neither hand can ruff any losers.

**Deal 24**South Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
6 9  
17

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 10 8 6 4  
♥ Q 7 3  
♦ A 6  
♣ 10 8 4

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

♠ K J 7  
♥ K J 5 4  
♦ K Q 7 3  
♣ A 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

NORTH has an invitational (9 point) hand with five ♠s.

She bids it in the standard way - first transfer SOUTH to ♠s, then invite

the game by bidding 2 NT.

SOUTH, with 17 points and three ♠s, accepts the game invitation and chooses 4 ♠.