

Deal 1
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ 7 5 2
 ♥ Q J 4 2
 ♦ A
 ♣ J 10 9 5 2

N
 W E
S

♠ K Q J 4
 ♥ A 10 9 5
 ♦ J 7 3
 ♣ A Q

♠ 8 3
 ♥ K 8 7
 ♦ K 9 6 5 2
 ♣ 7 6 4

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

<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 North			

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 2South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8
♥ J 7 2
♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ K J 6 5 2

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

<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

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

South Deals
None Vul

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

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

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

4 ♥ by North



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

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 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8
♥ A 8 2
♦ 10 9 7 5
♣ K 9 8 6 2

8
7 5
20

♠ Q J 7 6 3
♥ K 10 7 3
♦ 4 2
♣ Q 5



♠ 10 9 5 4 2
♥ 6 5 4
♦ A J 6
♣ 4 3

♠ A K
♥ Q J 9
♦ K Q 8 3
♣ A J 10 7

West North East South

2 NT

Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

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

♠ K J 10 5
♥ A Q J 9
♦ A J 9
♣ K Q

N
W E
S

♠ 8 4 2
♥ 10 7
♦ K 10 6 4 2
♣ J 10 9

West North East South

Pass 2 NT Pass 3 ♣

Pass 3 ♥ Pass 3 NT

Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass

4 ♠ by North

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!