

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

16  
6 8  
10

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



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

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

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

South Deals  
None Vul

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

14  
5 4  
17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

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



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

North

2 ♦

4 ♣

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

3 ♥

4 ♦

Pass

SOUTH breaks the expected Transfer sequence by jumping to 3

3 ♣

instead

of bidding just 2

3 ♣

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

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

NORTH's 1 NT bid and SOUTH's

3 ♣

bid are Control bids, showing first

round control of the suit that was bid.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

11  
 8 4  
 17

♠ K J 10 3

♥ K 5

♦ A 9 3

♣ 8 7 4 2



♠ Q 9 6 5

♥ A Q 9 3

♦ K Q 8

♣ A 6

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

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 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

3  
 8 12  
 17

West

Pass

Pass

2♥ by South

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



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

North

2♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1NT

2♥

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

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

he bids 2<sup>♠</sup>, Stayman. This is called "Garbage Stayman", and you can see why.

SOUTH bids 2

2<sup>♠</sup>

and NORTH passes. He would have passed

either 2<sup>♠</sup> or 2

2<sup>♠</sup>

also.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

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

11  
 4 8  
 17

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K J 7 3

♥ Q 9 5

♦ K 10 4

♣ Q 9 3



♠ A Q 6 2

♥ K J 8

♦ A 6 2

♣ K 8 7

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

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

Here NORTH has a 4-card  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  suit, but decides not to seek a 4-4 fit because his

hand wouldn't have any ruffing values in a  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  contract. He bids 3 NT.

Notice that even though SOUTH also has four  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s the 4-4 fit is not useful to them in

a  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  contract because neither hand can ruff any losers.

**Deal 6**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
6 9  
17

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



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

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

NORTH has an invitational (9 point) hand with five  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s.

She bids it in the standard way - first transfer SOUTH to  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s, then invite

the game by bidding 2 NT.

SOUTH, with 17 points and three  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s, accepts the game invitation and chooses 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  .