

**Deal 1**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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

**16**  
 8 5  
**11**

West      North      East      South  
 Pass      1 NT      Pass      2 ♣  
 Pass      2 ♦      Pass      3 ♠  
 Pass      4 ♠      Pass      Pass

4 ♠ by South

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

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

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

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Because SOUTH holds a 4-card Major suit, (

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s), he starts his

responses with Stayman.

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

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s.

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

between 4â™ or 3 NT.

With three trumps NORTH chooses 4â™.

**Deal 2**  
 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

<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			



♠ J 10 4	♦ 10 5
♦ 9 8 6 4	♣ A 9 8 3

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

When SOUTH bids 3<sup>TM</sup>s, NORTH isn't strong enough to bid game herself, so she temporizes

with a 3<sup>TM</sup> invitation.

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

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

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

10 7  
 6  
 17

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♠ 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

West      North      East      South  
     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  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s.

The question is: how high?

NORTH transfers SOUTH to  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s, then invites by raising to  $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

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

So she bids the  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  game.

**Deal 4**

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

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	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 5**  
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  
♠, having already found

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

**Deal 6**  
 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

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

3 NT by South

N  
 W E  
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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

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s.

But in this Deal SOUTH has only a doubleton

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, so he

chooses to play 3 NT.