

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 7 6 3

♥ 5 4 3

♦ A K 4

♣ 4 3

17
7 5
11

♠ K J 4

♥ A 8

♦ Q J 7 3

♣ A Q 10 8



♠ A Q 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 6

♦ 10 9

♣ 9 7

♠ 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 6 5 2

♣ K J 6 5 2

*West**North**East**South*

1 NT

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

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 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 6 5 4 3

♥ A 8

♦ J 8 2

♣ 8 7

$$\begin{matrix} & 17 \\ 6 & 8 \\ & 9 \end{matrix}$$
West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K 7

♥ Q J 10

♦ A K 9 5

♣ K J 9 4



♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 7 3

♣ Q 10 6

North

1 NT

2 ♦

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

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 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 5 4 2

♥ 6 5 4

♦ A J 6

♣ 4 3

20
5 7
8

♠ A K

♥ Q J 9

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ A J 10 7



♠ Q J 7 6 3

♥ K 10 7 3

♦ 4 2

♣ Q 5

♠ 8

♥ A 8 2

♦ 10 9 7 5

♣ K 9 8 6 2

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

3 NT by North

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 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4 2

♥ 10 7

♦ K 10 6 4 2

♣ J 10 9

7
4 8
21

♠ Q 9 6 3

♥ K 5

♦ Q 8 7 5

♣ 7 4 2



♠ K J 10 5

♥ A Q J 9

♦ A J 9

♣ K Q

♠ A 7

♥ 8 6 4 3 2

♦ 3

♣ A 8 6 5 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

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!