

Deal 1
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ 7 2
 ♥ J 8 7 4 2
 ♦ J 10 5
 ♣ Q 9 3

17
 4 8
 11

♠ K J 10 3
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A 9 3
 ♣ 8 7 4 2

<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 North			

N
W E
S

SOUTH uses Stayman because he has a 4-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit.

NORTH's 2

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\hat{Y}$

response wasn't exactly what SOUTH was hoping for,

so SOUTH decides to bid 3 NT.

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

and also knows that it isn't

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\hat{Y}$

s.

So NORTH bids 4 \hat{a}^{TM} .

Deal 2
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3 2
♥ 10 9 3
♦ K J 9
♣ A 8 5 2

3
8 12
17

♠ J 9 7 4
♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ 10 8 7 6
♣ 4

N
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♠ 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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	
			1 NT	
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	
Pass	Pass	Pass		
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 2â™£, Stayman. This is called "Garbage Stayman", and you can see why.

SOUTH bids 2

â™¥

and NORTH passes. He would have passed

either 2â™ or 2

â™!

also.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4
♥ A 7 6 3 2
♦ Q J 7
♣ J 5 2

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8 4
11



♠ A Q 6 2
♥ K J 8
♦ A 6 2
♣ K 8 7

♠ 10 9 5
♥ 10 4
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ A 10 6 4

♠ K J 7 3
♥ Q 9 5
♦ K 10 4
♣ Q 9 3

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

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

Here SOUTH 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 NORTH also has four ♠s the 4-4 fit is not useful to them in

a ♠ contract because neither hand can ruff any losers.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ A 9 8 2
♦ J 10 9 4
♣ J 6 2

8
6 9
17

	N	
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	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♠.