

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 3

♥ 8 6 5

♦ Q J T 4

♣ Q T 2

♠ A J 8 5

♥ K J

♦ A K 8

♣ K J 9 6

N
W
E
S

♠ 9 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 7 6 5 3 2

♣ A 5 3

♠ K Q 4 2

♥ A Q T 9 4 3

♦ -

♣ 8 7 4

West	North	East	South
	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

6 ♠ by South

Baker Stayman 21

North opens 2NT. What do you respond?

Wow! Start thinking slam, but first things first. Find the suit by starting with Stayman. You bid 3♣ and partner replies 3♠. What do you say next?

Your hand revalues to 16 points now that you know there's a ♠ fit. So certainly you want to be in slam as long as there are not two quick ♣ losers. At this point you might try something like a 4♦ cue bid, hoping partner will read that as a slam try in ♠s, but denying the ♣ control. But that seems awfully easy to be misunderstood. We suggest an immediate 6♠.

Good thing it's being played by North, right?

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ T 9 8 3
♦ J 8 7 6 3
♣ -

♠ J T 5

♥ Q J 7

♦ A K T 4

♣ J 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8 3
♥ A K 6 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q 8 7

♠ K 9 6
♥ 5 2
♦ 9
♣ A K T 9 4 3 2

Baker Stayman 22

East opens 1NT. What do you respond?

Your first thought should be that with only 4 points you will pass. But on second thought, what would partner respond if you bid a Stayman 2♣? So you give it a shot and partner says 2♥. What next?

What's next is your PASS. And if he had bid 2♠ you also would have passed. And if he had bid 2♦ you also would have passed. You figured that with this hand any response partner could make would be a better place than 1NT.

West	North	East	South
2♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
		2♥	All Pass

2♥ by East

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 9 4 2
♥ T 7
♦ A T 4
♣ 7 6 5 4

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 6 4

♦ Q J 7

♣ K T 8



♠ 6
♥ Q J 8 3 2
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ J 9 3

♠ A K 7 3
♥ A 9 5
♦ 9 8 2
♣ A Q 2

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Stayman 23

South opens 1NT. What do you respond?

With 12 points and a 4-card ♠ suit this fits the model for Stayman.

But thinking a little further, with this 4-3-3-3 distribution you have no ruffing values whatsoever. So even if partner also has 4 ♠s there might not be an advantage in playing the suit contract. So for this specific distribution you ignore your 4-card Major and just bid 3NT.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A T 8 5

♠ 3

♥ 9 8 6 5 3

♦ K 8 6 2

♣ 6 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q T 6
♥ Q 7
♦ T 9 5
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 7 5 4 2
♥ A T 2
♦ 4 3
♣ Q J

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	2♠

Pass

3NT

All Pass

Baker Stayman 24

After you open 1NT partner bids 2♣, then South says 2♠. What do you say next?

Basically you said your say when you opened 1NT. You don't have a 4-card Major and you have a minimum hand. The best way to convey this information to partner is to pass. At which point partner jumps to 3NT. What do you say?

Pass, then "Thank you partner" when dummy comes down. The thing to remember is that partner is in charge. You describe your hand as well as you can and then sit back and let him make the decisions. Perhaps you would have doubled if you held his hand but he didn't.

3 NT by East

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 3
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ 9 5
♣ J T 9 6

♠ A 8

♥ K J 7 4

♦ A 7 2

♣ K Q 5 3

N
W
E
S

♠ J 7 5 4

♥ 6

♦ K Q J T 8 4

♣ A 2

♠ K Q T 2
♥ A Q T 3
♦ 6 3
♣ 8 7 4

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♦	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

Baker Stayman 25

North opens 1NT and East overcalls 2♦. What do you say?

Dad-burned interfering opponents. You were going to bid a Stayman 2♣ and now you can't. You also don't want to bid either Major with only 4 of them. And you certainly can't bid notrump with no ♦ stopper. Fortunately the overcall has opened a window of opportunity for you. So you cue-bid 3♦. Even if you and partner haven't discussed this it is pretty obvious that you don't really want to play in ♦s, so the most likely action for him is to bid a suit, and a Major suit would have priority. So really, the cue-bid achieves the same purpose as Stayman would have.

Partner now bids 3♥. What do you say?

Partner showed a 4-card ♥ suit. With your 4 that makes a fit. You have 12 revalued points so you bid 4♥.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 7 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ Q J T 4
♣ Q T 2

♠ A J 8 5

♥ K J

♦ A K 8

♣ K J 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 7 6 5 3 2

♣ A 5 3

♠ K Q 4 2

♥ A Q T 9 4 3

♦ -

♣ 8 7 4

Board 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ T 9 8 3

♦ J 8 7 6 3

♣ -

♠ J T 5

♥ Q J 7

♦ A K T 4

♣ J 6 5



♠ A 8 3

♥ A K 6 4

♦ Q 5 2

♣ Q 8 7

♠ K 9 6

♥ 5 2

♦ 9

♣ A K T 9 4 3 2

Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 4 2

♥ T 7

♦ A T 4

♣ 7 6 5 4

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 6 4

♦ Q J 7

♣ K T 8



♠ 6

♥ Q J 8 3 2

♦ K 6 5 3

♣ J 9 3

♠ A K 7 3

♥ A 9 5

♦ 9 8 2

♣ A Q 2

Board 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A T 8 5

♠ 3

♥ 9 8 6 5 3

♦ K 8 6 2

♣ 6 3 2



♠ A Q T 6
♥ Q 7
♦ T 9 5
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 7 5 4 2
♥ A T 2
♦ 4 3
♣ Q J

Board 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 9 8 5 2

♦ 9 5

♣ J T 9 6

♠ A 8

♥ K J 7 4

♦ A 7 2

♣ K Q 5 3



♠ J 7 5 4

♥ 6

♦ K Q J T 8 4

♣ A 2

♠ K Q T 2

♥ A Q T 3

♦ 6 3

♣ 8 7 4

Board 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ Q J T 4
♣ Q T 2

♠ A J 8 5

♥ K J

♦ A K 8

♣ K J 9 6



♠ 9 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 7 6 5 3 2

♣ A 5 3

♠ K Q 4 2

♥ A Q T 9 4 3

♦ -

♣ 8 7 4

Board 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ T 9 8 3
♦ J 8 7 6 3
♣ -

♠ J T 5

♥ Q J 7

♦ A K T 4

♣ J 6 5



♠ A 8 3
♥ A K 6 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q 8 7

♠ K 9 6

♥ 5 2

♦ 9

♣ A K T 9 4 3 2

Board 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 4 2

♥ T 7

♦ A T 4

♣ 7 6 5 4

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 6 4

♦ Q J 7

♣ K T 8



♠ 6

♥ Q J 8 3 2

♦ K 6 5 3

♣ J 9 3

♠ A K 7 3

♥ A 9 5

♦ 9 8 2

♣ A Q 2

Board 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8

♥ K J 4

♦ A Q J 7

♣ A T 8 5

♠ 3

♥ 9 8 6 5 3

♦ K 8 6 2

♣ 6 3 2



♠ A Q T 6

♥ Q 7

♦ T 9 5

♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 7 5 4 2

♥ A T 2

♦ 4 3

♣ Q J

Board 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 6 3
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ 9 5
♣ J T 9 6

♠ A 8

♥ K J 7 4

♦ A 7 2

♣ K Q 5 3



♠ J 7 5 4

♥ 6

♦ K Q J T 8 4

♣ A 2

♠ K Q T 2

♥ A Q T 3

♦ 6 3

♣ 8 7 4

Board 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 7 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ Q J T 4
♣ Q T 2

♠ A J 8 5

♥ K J

♦ A K 8

♣ K J 9 6



♠ 9 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 7 6 5 3 2

♣ A 5 3

♠ K Q 4 2

♥ A Q T 9 4 3

♦ -

♣ 8 7 4

Board 17

North Deals

None Vul

♦ Q 7 4 2

♥ T 9 8 3

♦ J 8 7 6 3

♣ -

♠ J T 5

♥ Q J 7

♦ A K T 4

♣ J 6 5



♠ A 8 3

♥ A K 6 4

♦ Q 5 2

♣ Q 8 7

♠ K 9 6

♥ 5 2

♦ 9

♣ A K T 9 4 3 2

Board 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 9 4 2

♥ T 7

♦ A T 4

♣ 7 6 5 4

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 6 4

♦ Q J 7

♣ K T 8



♠ 6

♥ Q J 8 3 2

♦ K 6 5 3

♣ J 9 3

♠ A K 7 3

♥ A 9 5

♦ 9 8 2

♣ A Q 2

Board 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A T 8 5

♠ 3

♥ 9 8 6 5 3

♦ K 8 6 2

♣ 6 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q T 6
♥ Q 7
♦ T 9 5
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 7 5 4 2
♥ A T 2
♦ 4 3
♣ Q J

Board 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 9 8 5 2

♦ 9 5

♣ J T 9 6

♠ A 8

♥ K J 7 4

♦ A 7 2

♣ K Q 5 3



♠ J 7 5 4

♥ 6

♦ K Q J T 8 4

♣ A 2

♠ K Q T 2

♥ A Q T 3

♦ 6 3

♣ 8 7 4

Board 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 7 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ Q J T 4
♣ Q T 2

♠ A J 8 5

♥ K J

♦ A K 8

♣ K J 9 6



♠ 9 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 7 6 5 3 2

♣ A 5 3

♠ K Q 4 2

♥ A Q T 9 4 3

♦ -

♣ 8 7 4

Board 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♦ A K T 4

♣ J 6 5

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ T 9 8 3

♦ J 8 7 6 3

♣ -



♠ A 8 3

♥ A K 6 4

♦ Q 5 2

♣ Q 8 7

♠ K 9 6

♥ 5 2

♦ 9

♣ A K T 9 4 3 2

Board 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 9 4 2

♥ T 7

♦ A T 4

♣ 7 6 5 4

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 6 4

♦ Q J 7

♣ K T 8



♠ 6

♥ Q J 8 3 2

♦ K 6 5 3

♣ J 9 3

♠ A K 7 3

♥ A 9 5

♦ 9 8 2

♣ A Q 2

Board 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A T 8 5

♠ 3

♥ 9 8 6 5 3

♦ K 8 6 2

♣ 6 3 2



♠ A Q T 6
♥ Q 7
♦ T 9 5
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 7 5 4 2
♥ A T 2
♦ 4 3
♣ Q J

Board 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 8
♥ K J 7 4
♦ A 7 2
♣ K Q 5 3

♠ 9 6 3
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ 9 5
♣ J T 9 6

N
W E
S

♠ J 7 5 4
♥ 6
♦ K Q J T 8 4
♣ A 2

♠ K Q T 2
♥ A Q T 3
♦ 6 3
♣ 8 7 4

Board 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 7 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ Q J T 4
♣ Q T 2

♠ A J 8 5

♥ K J

♦ A K 8

♣ K J 9 6



♠ 9 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 7 6 5 3 2

♣ A 5 3

♠ K Q 4 2

♥ A Q T 9 4 3

♦ -

♣ 8 7 4

Board 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ T 9 8 3
♦ J 8 7 6 3
♣ -

♠ J T 5

♥ Q J 7

♦ A K T 4

♣ J 6 5



♠ A 8 3
♥ A K 6 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q 8 7

♠ K 9 6

♥ 5 2

♦ 9

♣ A K T 9 4 3 2

Board 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 9 4 2

♥ T 7

♦ A T 4

♣ 7 6 5 4

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 6 4

♦ Q J 7

♣ K T 8



♠ 6

♥ Q J 8 3 2

♦ K 6 5 3

♣ J 9 3

♠ A K 7 3

♥ A 9 5

♦ 9 8 2

♣ A Q 2

Board 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♦ K 8 6 2

♣ 6 3 2

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A T 8 5

N
W E
S

♠ A Q T 6
♥ Q 7
♦ T 9 5
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 7 5 4 2
♥ A T 2
♦ 4 3
♣ Q J

Board 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 3
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ 9 5
♣ J T 9 6

♠ A 8

♥ K J 7 4

♦ A 7 2

♣ K Q 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 7 5 4

♥ 6

♦ K Q J T 8 4

♣ A 2

♠ K Q T 2
♥ A Q T 3
♦ 6 3
♣ 8 7 4

Board 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 7 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ Q J T 4
♣ Q T 2

♠ A J 8 5

♥ K J

♦ A K 8

♣ K J 9 6



♠ 9 6

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 7 6 5 3 2

♣ A 5 3

♠ K Q 4 2

♥ A Q T 9 4 3

♦ -

♣ 8 7 4

Board 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ T 9 8 3
♦ J 8 7 6 3
♣ -

♠ J T 5

♥ Q J 7

♦ A K T 4

♣ J 6 5



♠ A 8 3
♥ A K 6 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q 8 7

♠ K 9 6

♥ 5 2

♦ 9

♣ A K T 9 4 3 2

Board 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 4 2

♥ T 7

♦ A T 4

♣ 7 6 5 4

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 6 4

♦ Q J 7

♣ K T 8



♠ 6

♥ Q J 8 3 2

♦ K 6 5 3

♣ J 9 3

♠ A K 7 3

♥ A 9 5

♦ 9 8 2

♣ A Q 2

Board 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A T 8 5

♠ 3

♥ 9 8 6 5 3

♦ K 8 6 2

♣ 6 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q T 6
♥ Q 7
♦ T 9 5
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ K J 7 5 4 2
♥ A T 2
♦ 4 3
♣ Q J

Board 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 8
♥ K J 7 4
♦ A 7 2
♣ K Q 5 3

♠ 9 6 3
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ 9 5
♣ J T 9 6

N
W E
S

♠ J 7 5 4
♥ 6
♦ K Q J T 8 4
♣ A 2

♠ K Q T 2
♥ A Q T 3
♦ 6 3
♣ 8 7 4