

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ K J 4
None Vul	♥ A 8
	♦ Q J 7 3
	♣ A Q 10 8
♠ 10 9 7 6 3	♠ 8
♥ 5 4 3	♥ J 7 2
♦ A K 4	♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ 4 3	♣ K J 6 5 2
¹⁷ 7 5 11	♠ A Q 5 2 ♥ K Q 10 9 6 ♦ 10 9 ♣ 9 7



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****♠ K 7****♥ Q J 10****♦ A K 9 5****♣ K J 9 4****♠ A 10 9****♥ 6 4 2****♦ 10 6 4****♣ A 5 3 2****♠ Q 2****♥ K 9 7 5 3****♦ Q 7 3****♣ Q 10 6****West****North****East****South**

1 NT

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

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 3North Deals
None Vul♠ A K
♥ Q J 9
♦ K Q 8 3
♣ A J 10 7♠ 10 9 5 4 2
♥ 6 5 4
♦ A J 6
♣ 4 3**20**
5 7
8

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♠ 8
♥ A 8 2
♦ 10 9 7 5
♣ K 9 8 6 2

♠ Q J 7 6 3
♥ K 10 7 3
♦ 4 2
♣ Q 5

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

4 7 8
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	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 6 3
♥ K 5
♦ Q 8 7 5
♣ 7 4 2

♠ A 7
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 3
♣ A 8 6 5 3

♠ K J 10 5
♥ A Q J 9
♦ A J 9
♣ K Q

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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!