

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 9 5 2
♥ 8
♦ 10 5
♣ 10 8 7 6 5

10
4 6
20

♠ 7 4
♥ K Q J 7 5 4 2
♦ A 9 2
♣ 9



♠ K 8 6
♥ A 9 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ A K J 2

♠ Q J 3
♥ 10 6
♦ J 7 6 4 3
♣ Q 4 3

West	North	East	South
			2 NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

After SOUTH opens 2 NT, NORTH is pretty sure there will be a slam in

♠™

s.

But, the contract should be played from the SOUTH side so the opening lead doesn't go through any vulnerable

♠™ holding SOUTH might have.

NORTH transfers SOUTH to

♠™

s, then uses Blackwood to be sure they aren't

off two Aces. Missing one Ace he settles for 6

♠™

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Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 3
 ♥ A 9 8 4
 ♦ Q 9 2
 ♣ Q 4 3 2

9
 8 8
 15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 NT by South

♠ K 9 8 5

♥ Q 7

♦ K 8 7

♣ J 9 6 5

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W		E
	S	

♠ A 6

♥ K J 5 3

♦ A 6 5 4

♣ K 10 7

North

2 ♣

2 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

NORTH has an invitational hand, (9 points), after SOUTH's 1 NT opening.

With a 4-card ♠ suit she uses Stayman.

SOUTH then shows his 4-card

♠

suit.

With no

♠

fit, NORTH can only invite with 2 NT, an invitation which

SOUTH declines.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 9 7 6 3

♣ A J 7 3

16

8 5

11

♠ 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

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

1 NT

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

Because SOUTH holds a 4-card Major suit, (

♠TM♣

s), he starts his

responses with Stayman.

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

♠TM♣

s.

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

between 4♠TM or 3 NT.

With three trumps NORTH chooses 4♠TM.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K Q 10 7
♣ 10 7 2

9
9 5
17

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ Q 8 6 5
♥ K 7 6 4
♦ A 3 2
♣ 5 4



♠ A K 7 3
♥ Q J 2
♦ J 5
♣ K Q J 6

♠ J 10 4
♥ 10 5
♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ A 9 8 3

2 ♣ PASS 2S

3 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT

2 ♠

4 ♠

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

When SOUTH bids 1^{NT}, NORTH isn't strong enough to bid game herself, so she temporizes

with a 3[♠] invitation.

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

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 3 2

♥ J 8 3

♦ J 7 6 3

♣ A 9

7
10 6
17

♠ J 10 8 7 6 5

♥ 9

♦ A Q 5

♣ 10 7 2



♠ K Q

♥ A Q 7 5

♦ K 10 9

♣ Q J 8 4

♠ 4

♥ K 10 6 4 2

♦ 8 4 2

♣ K 6 5 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

1 NT

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

NORTH, with 9 points and a 6-card suit, knows they should play in a game.

The question is: how high?

NORTH transfers SOUTH to a game, then invites by raising to 3 a game.

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

So she bids the a game.