

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 7
♥ A 10 4
♦ K 9
♣ Q J 10 8 5

♠ 6 4 3**♥** J 8 5 2**♦** J 10 6**♣** A 4 2

15
6 7
12

**♠** A 10 9 2**♥** Q 9 7 3**♦** A Q 4**♣** 9 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

SOUTH's **2♣** bid is Stayman, asking for a 4-card Major.

NORTH's 2

♦

bid denies four cards in either Major.

SOUTH knows there is no 8-card Major fit. He also knows the partnership has at least 26 points

so he bids 3 NT.

Deal 2

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

N
W E
S

9	♠ 6 2
9 15	♥ A 10 7 4 2
7	♦ J 10 7
	♣ Q 5 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♥	Pass	1 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠ by East		Pass	Pass

WEST, with 11 points and six ♠s, knows immediately that the final contract will be 4♠

since the partners must have at least eight ♠s and at least 26 points.

She concludes that it might be better for EAST to be the Declarer so she bids 2

♥

as a Jacoby Transfer. When EAST makes the required 2♠ bid she just bids 4♠ which

closes the auction with EAST as Declarer.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 10 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 4 3
♣ 10 8 6 4

10
6 8
16

N
W E
S

♠ 6 4 3
♥ A K J 7 6 5
♦ 8 2
♣ Q 7

♠ J 9 8
♥ 10 8 2
♦ A Q J 6
♣ 9 5 2

♠ K 7 5
♥ Q 9 3
♦ K 7 5
♣ A K J 3

West North East South
Pass 2 ♦ Pass 2 ♥
Pass 4 ♥ Pass Pass
Pass

4 ♥ by South

NORTH knows the partnership has a fit in

♥

s since SOUTH

must have at least a doubleton. He also knows the partnership holds at least 27 points.

He prefers SOUTH be the Declarer, (to protect against

the opening lead), so he uses a Jacoby Transfer.

The contract might go down if played by NORTH, but is odds on when played by SOUTH.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6 5
 ♥ A 10 4
 ♦ Q J 9 7
 ♣ K 8

17 7
 9
 7

♠ 10 8 4
 ♥ J 9 5 3 2
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ Q 4 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ 7 3
 ♥ K Q 8 6
 ♦ K 4 2
 ♣ J 10 9 5

♠ Q J 9 2
 ♥ 7
 ♦ 10 8 5 3
 ♣ A 7 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by West			

EAST, with 9 points and a 4-card

♥

suit is just strong

enough to use Stayman.

WEST shows 4 ♠s and EAST describes her minimum hand with no ♠ fit by bidding 2 NT.

WEST has a maximum 1 NT opening and bids 3 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals	♠ K J 4
None Vul	♥ Q 10
	♦ K Q J 6
	♣ A 9 7 3
♠ Q 8 7	♠ 10 6 5 3 2
♥ 7 5 4	♥ K 6 2
♦ A 9 8 4 3	♦ 10
♣ 10 5	♣ K Q 4 2
16 6 8 10	♠ A 9 ♥ AJ 9 8 3 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ J 8 6

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

SOUTH has 11 points and five

♥

s, so she responds

2

♦

as a Jacoby Transfer.

When NORTH bids the required 2

♥

, SOUTH jumps to 3 NT

to show at least 11 points, but only a 5-card

♥

suit.

Since NORTH has only a doubleton

♥

she passes 3 NT.

Deal 6

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



♠ 9
 ♥ K Q 10 9 3 2
 ♦ K Q 7
 ♣ J 7 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
2 ♠ by East			

EAST, with a balanced 17 point hand naturally opens 1 NT.

WEST has a really awful hand, but she does hold six ♠s.

So she uses Jacoby Transfer, and when EAST bids 2♠ she passes!

Deal 7
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 8
♥ K 4
♦ 10 9 4 2
♣ Q 9 7 5

12
6 7
15

♠ A K 7 2
♥ AJ 8 6
♦ 5 3
♣ 10 8 4

♠ 9 5 4
♥ 7 5 3
♦ K Q J 8
♣ J 6 2

♠ Q 6 3
♥ Q 10 9 2
♦ A 7 6
♣ A K 3

West *North* *East* *South*

Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			1 NT

NORTH has four cards in each Major suit
- this is an ideal situation for Stayman.

SOUTH shows a

♥

suit and NORTH immediately bids game
in that suit.

Deal 8West Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 8 2
 ♥ A Q 3
 ♦ K 10 6 2
 ♣ A Q

8
 21 6
 5



♠ J 10 5
 ♥ 10 5
 ♦ 9 8 4
 ♣ K J 9 7 3

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

Stayman convention works just fine after a 2 NT opening, just at a higher level.

EAST knows that 6 points will be enough for game opposite WEST's 20-21, she just needs to find out if there is a 4-4 Major suit fit. There is, in ♠s.

Deal 9

North Deals	♠ A J 10
None Vul	♥ K 9
	♦ A 8 7 2
	♣ A 10 9 6
	♠ 5 2
	♥ Q 6 5 2
	♦ K J 10 4
	♣ J 4 2
	16 7 8 9
	♠ Q 9 8 7 4 ♥ A J 10 8 3 ♦ Q 6 ♣ 5

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			



SOUTH has five cards in each Major and NORTH opens 1 NT.

First SOUTH bids 2



, indicating a 5-card ♠ suit with the Transfer bid.

Then, after NORTH bids the obligatory 2♠, SOUTH jumps to 4



, promising

enough strength for game, and also five



s to go with the five ♠s.

NORTH prefers ♠s, so she corrects the contract to 4♠.

Deal 10

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 5 4 2
♥ 8 7
♦ A 8
♣ Q 7 6 4

6
11 15
8

♠ J 10 7
♥ J 5
♦ 10 9 6 4
♣ A 10 9 3



♠ A 9 6
♥ K Q 6 2
♦ K 5 3 2
♣ K 8

♠ 8 3
♥ A 10 9 4 3
♦ Q J 7
♣ J 5 2

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

With 12 points and five ♠s, when WEST hears her partner open 1 NT she knows

there is a game - either 3 NT or 4 ♠.

WEST first transfers EAST to ♠s, then jumps to 3 NT, giving EAST the choice.

EAST has three ♠s, so he chooses 4 ♠, taking the 8-card Major fit.

Deal 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 4
♥ K Q J 7 5 4 2
♦ A 9 2
♣ 9

♠ A 10 9 5 2
♥ 8
♦ 10 5
♣ 10 8 7 6 5

10
4 6
20



♠ Q J 3
♥ 10 6
♦ J 7 6 4 3
♣ Q 4 3

♠ K 8 6
♥ A 9 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ A K J 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			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 12

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ K J 5 3
♦ A 6 5 4
♣ K 10 7

8
15 9
8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
2 NT by West			

♠ 10 3
♥ A 9 8 4
♦ Q 9 2
♣ Q 4 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 9 8 5
♥ Q 7
♦ K 8 7
♣ J 9 6 5

♠ Q J 7 4 2
♥ 10 6 2
♦ J 10 3
♣ A 8

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

With a 4-card ♠ suit she uses Stayman.

WEST then shows his 4-card

♥

suit.

With no

♥

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

WEST declines.

Deal 13
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 10 3	♦ K 9 8 6 4
♥ 10 9 8 4	♦ A K 5 3
♦ Q 10 4	♦ J 8
♣ K 8 5 2	♣ 6 4

11	♠ A 7 5
5 8	♥ Q J 6
16	♦ A K 5 2
	♣ Q 10 9

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

W	N	E	S
♦ 9 7 6 3	♣ A J 7 3	♦ 7 2	♠ Q J 2

Because NORTH holds a 4-card Major suit, (

♥

s), he starts his

responses with Stayman.

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

♥

s.

He next bids ♠s, showing five of them. He jumps to 3♠, giving SOUTH the choice

between 4♠ or 3 NT.

With three trumps SOUTH chooses 4♠.

Deal 14East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 6 5
 ♥ K 7 6 4
 ♦ A 3 2
 ♣ 5 4

5
 9 17
 9



♠ J 10 4
 ♥ 10 5
 ♦ 9 8 6 4
 ♣ A 9 8 3

♠ A K 7 3
 ♥ Q J 2
 ♦ J 5
 ♣ K Q J 6

♠ 9 2
 ♥ A 9 8 3
 ♦ K Q 10 7
 ♣ 10 7 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♣ PASS	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠ by East			

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

When EAST bids ♠s, WEST isn't strong enough to bid game herself, so she temporizes

with a 3♠ invitation.

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

Deal 15
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ A 9 3 2
 ♥ J 8 3
 ♦ J 7 6 3
 ♣ A 9

10 7
 6
 17

♠ J 10 8 7 6 5
 ♥ 9
 ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ 10 7 2

♠ 4
 ♥ K 10 6 4 2
 ♦ 8 4 2
 ♣ K 6 5 3

♠ K Q
 ♥ A Q 7 5
 ♦ K 10 9
 ♣ Q J 8 4

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

4 ♠ by South

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

The question is: how high?

NORTH transfers SOUTH to ♠s, then invites by raising to 3♠.

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

So she bids the ♠ game.

Deal 16East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
 ♥ Q J 10 7 5
 ♦ K 6
 ♣ 8 3

9
 8 17
 6

♠ A 10 8 6

♥ 9 4

♦ J 9 7 5 3

♣ K J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K J 5
 ♥ A K 6
 ♦ A Q 2
 ♣ 10 7 6 2

West North East South
 2 ♣ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
 2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Pass
 Pass Pass
 4 ♥ by West

WEST, with a 5-card AND a 4-card Major first uses Stayman.

EAST denies a 4-card Major, so WEST realizes that ♠s are out.

He then bids

♥

s, promising five of them.

EAST not only has three

♥

s, she also has 17 points so

she bids 4

♥

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Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 6

♥ 9 3

♦ 8 5 3

♣ A K J 9 5

♠ A K J 5

♥ K 6

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 10 7 2



17
8 7
8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

This is a companion hand to Deal 16.

NORTH shows four ♠s following SOUTH's Stayman bid.

So SOUTH ignores her five

♥

s, having already found

an 8-card Major suit fit. With the fit her hand now revalues to 11 points so she bids 4♠.

Deal 18

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ Q J 10 7 5
♦ K 7
♣ 8 3

8 7
8 17

West
2 ♣
2 ♥
Pass
3 NT by East

♠ J 3
♥ 8 4 3
♦ J 10 9
♣ K Q 9 6 4

W N
S E

♠ A K 5
♥ K 6
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ J 10 7 2

♠ 10 9 8 6
♥ A 9 2
♦ 8 5 4 3
♣ A 5

North
Pass
Pass
Pass

East
1 NT
2 ♦
3 NT

South
Pass
Pass
Pass

This is companion #3 to Deal 16 and 17.

WEST again starts with Stayman, and after EAST denies a 4-card Major,

WEST shows her five

♥

S.

But in this Deal EAST has only a doubleton

♥

, so he

chooses to play 3 NT.

Deal 19
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ A 9 2	♦ K J
♥ 8 2	♦ A K 6
♦ Q 10 8 4 2	♦ J 9 5 3
♣ 8 5 3	♣ K J 9 6

¹⁶ 6 8 ¹⁰	¹⁶ ♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4 ♥ Q 7 5 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A Q
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	4 ♠
4 ♠ by South			

N W E S	♠ 7 3 ♥ J 10 9 4 ♦ A K 6 ♣ 10 7 4 2
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Even with a 6-card ♠ suit SOUTH uses Stayman because he also has a 4-card

♥

suit. Given a choice, playing a 4-4 Major fit is usually

preferable to a 6-2 or even a 6-3 fit.

But here NORTH doesn't have four

♥

s so SOUTH just bids

the game where he knows the partnership holds eight trumps.

Deal 20

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7
♥ K J 6 5
♦ A 8 4
♣ K Q 10 8

17 5
 14
 4

♠ J 10 6

♥ A 2

♦ 10 9 7 3 2

♣ 9 6 3



♠ K Q 3
♥ Q 10 9 8 4 3
♦ K 5
♣ A 5

♠ 9 8 5 4 2
♥ 7
♦ Q J 6
♣ J 7 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	6 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
6 ♥ by West			

WEST breaks the expected Transfer sequence by jumping to 3



instead

of bidding just 2



. This is called the "Super Accept" and it shows

a hand with four of the trump suit with maximum point count.

EAST's ♣ bid and WEST's



bid are Control bids, showing first

round control of the suit that was bid.

Deal 21
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ 7 2
 ♥ J 8 7 4 2
 ♦ J 10 5
 ♣ Q 9 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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			

SOUTH uses Stayman because he has a 4-card ♠ suit.

NORTH's 2

♥

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

♥

s.

So NORTH bids 4♦.

Deal 22East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 7 4
 ♥ Q 8 6 2
 ♦ 10 8 7 6
 ♣ 4

¹²
 3 17
 8

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

♠ K Q 5

♥ J 5
 ♦ 4 2

♣ K Q J 7 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 10 6
 ♥ A K 7 4
 ♦ A Q 5 3
 ♣ 10 9

♠ 8 3 2
 ♥ 10 9 3
 ♦ K J 9
 ♣ A 8 5 2

WEST has a rotten hand, and many players would just pass 1 NT.

But WEST figures that having EAST play any 4-4 fit would be better than 1 NT so

he bids 2♣, Stayman. This is called "Garbage Stayman", and you can see why.

EAST bids 2

♥

and WEST passes. He would have passed either 2♦ or 2

♦

also.

Deal 23

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 5
♥ 10 4
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ A 10 6 4

11
4 8
17

♠ K J 7 3
♥ Q 9 5
♦ K 10 4
♣ Q 9 3

♠ 8 4
♥ A 7 6 3 2
♦ Q J 7
♣ J 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 6 2
♥ K J 8
♦ A 6 2
♣ K 8 7

West North East South
Pass 3 NT Pass 1 NT
Pass
3 NT by South

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

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

a ♠ contract because neither hand can ruff any losers.

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7
♥ K J 5 4
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A 5

17
9
6
8

♠ 5 2
♥ A 9 8 2
♦ J 10 9 4
♣ J 6 2

N
W E
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

<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 West			

EAST has an invitational (9 point) hand with five ♠s.

She bids it in the standard way - first transfer WEST to ♠s, then invite

the game by bidding 2 NT.

WEST, with 17 points and three ♠s, accepts the game invitation and chooses 4 ♠.