

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ K Q 2
None Vul	♥ A 9 3
	♦ Q J 9 5
	♣ K Q 7

♠ A 9 6 5 4	♦ A 8 3	♣ 5 3
♥ 7 5 4		
	♦ 7 6 4 2	
	♣ J 10 9 6 2	

8	17	6
9		

N		E
W		S
♠ 7	♥ K Q 2	♦ 7 6 4 2
♦ J 10 8 3	♣ J 10 9 6 2	

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

Pass
3 NT by North

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣. What do you bid?

With no 4-card Major you reply 2 ♦. What do you bid after partner next says 2 NT?

Partner seems to have about 9 points and is inviting you to say 3 NT. Since you have a maximum 17 point hand you accept the invitation.

Deal 2South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4 3
♥ A J
♦ 8 7 6 5 2
♣ 10 9 8

9
6
10
15



♠ K 10 8 5
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ A 9 3
♣ Q 5

♠ A 9
♥ K 10 7 4
♦ 10 4
♣ K 6 4 3 2

♠ Q 7 6 2
♥ Q 6 3
♦ K Q J
♣ A J 7

West North East South

1 NT

Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♣
Pass	

3 ♣ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
What do you bid?

You bid 2 ♠. Partner next says 3 ♠. What do you say now?

Considering the bidding you have done so far you couldn't have a worse hand. With 4-3-3-3 distribution and a bare 15 points you most certainly don't want to accept any invitation from partner. So you pass. As you see, 9 tricks are not going to come easily.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 7 5 4**♥ 6 4 2****♦ 9 8 2****♣ 5 3****17
7 7
9****♠ J 6 2****♥ A 10 9 5****♦ K Q J 4****♣ A Q****♠ 8****♥ Q J****♦ 10 7 6 3****♣ K J 10 9 8 2**

♠ Q 10 9 3
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ A 5
♣ 7 6 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 North

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.

What do you bid?

You respond 2 ♥. Partner now says 3 ♥.

What do you bid?

Partner has told you he has 4 ♥s and approximately 9 points. Add that to your 4 ♥s and 17 points and the total equals a game bid in ♥s. So you say 4 ♥.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ K 8 7
♦ K 9 6 5 2
♣ 7 6 4

9
6 8
17

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 10 9 6
♥ 6 3
♦ Q 10 8 4
♣ K 8 3

♠ 7 5 2
♥ Q J 4 2
♦ A
♣ J 10 9 5 2

♠ K Q J 4
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ J 7 3
♣ A Q

<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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.
What do you bid?

When you have 4 cards in both Majors you respond 2 ♥. Partner bids 2 NT. What is your next bid?

Partner would never bid Stayman without a 4-card Major. Since he did not like your ♥ bid it is clear that his 4-card Major must be ♠s. His 2 NT bid was an invitation for you to bid 3 NT, which means he has about 9 points. Knowing that partner has 9 points and 4 ♠s, your call is clear : 4 ♠.