

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 4 3
♥ J 8 5 2
♦ J 10 6
♣ A 4 2

15
6 7
12

♠ K Q 7

♥ A 10 4

♦ K 9

♣ Q J 10 8 5



♠ A 10 9 2

♥ Q 9 7 3

♦ A Q 4

♣ 9 6

♠ J 8 5

♥ K 6

♦ 8 7 5 3 2

♣ K 7 3

<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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 2
♥ A 10 7 4 2
♦ J 10 7
♣ Q 5 3

9
7 9
15

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K J 8 7 5 4

♥ 8 6

♦ K Q 3

♣ 7 2



♠ Q 10

♥ K Q 9 3

♦ A 5 2

♣ A 10 8 6

♠ A 9 3

♥ J 5

♦ 9 8 6 4

♣ K J 9 4

NORTH, 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 SOUTH to be the Declarer so she bids 2

♥

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

closes the auction with SOUTH as Declarer.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 8
 ♥ 10 8 2
 ♦ A Q J 6
 ♣ 9 5 2

16
 8 6
 10

♠ K 7 5
 ♥ Q 9 3
 ♦ K 7 5
 ♣ A K J 3



♠ 6 4 3
 ♥ A K J 7 6 5
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ Q 7

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

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

SOUTH knows the partnership has a fit in



s since NORTH

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

He prefers NORTH be the Declarer, (to protect against

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

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

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 4
 ♥ J 9 5 3 2
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ Q 4 2

9
 7 7
 17

♠ 7 3
 ♥ K Q 8 6
 ♦ K 4 2
 ♣ J 10 9 5



♠ A K 6 5
 ♥ A 10 4
 ♦ Q J 9 7
 ♣ K 8

♠ 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 South

NORTH, with 9 points and a 4-card



suit is just strong

enough to use Stayman.

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

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

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 7
♥ 7 5 4
♦ A 9 8 4 3
♣ 10 5

16
6 8
10

♠ K J 4
♥ Q 10
♦ K Q J 6
♣ A 9 7 3



♠ A 9
♥ A J 9 8 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ J 8 6

♠ 10 6 5 3 2
♥ K 6 2
♦ 10
♣ K Q 4 2

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9

♥ K Q 10 9 3 2

♦ K Q 7

♣ J 7 2

2
11 10
17

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ Q 8 7 6 3 2

♥ 8 5

♦ 9 5 4

♣ 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ K J 5

♥ A 7 6

♦ A 8 3

♣ K Q 9 4

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

♠ A 10 4

♥ J 4

♦ J 10 6 2

♣ A 10 8 6

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

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

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

Deal 7

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5 4
♥ 7 5 3
♦ K Q J 8
♣ J 6 2

15
7 6
12

♠ Q 6 3
♥ Q 10 9 2
♦ A 7 6
♣ A K 3



♠ A K 7 2
♥ A J 8 6
♦ 5 3
♣ 10 8 4

♠ J 10 8
♥ K 4
♦ 10 9 4 2
♣ Q 9 7 5

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

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

NORTH shows a



suit and SOUTH immediately bids game
in that suit.

Deal 8

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 3
♥ J 9 7 4
♦ A Q J 5
♣ 10 4 2

6
8 5
21

♠ K 9 7 4
♥ K 8 6 2
♦ 7 3
♣ 8 6 5



♠ A Q 8 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ K 10 6 2
♣ A Q

♠ 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 South			

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

NORTH knows that 6 points will be enough for game opposite SOUTH'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

None Vul

♠ 5 2
 ♥ Q 6 5 2
 ♦ K J 10 4
 ♣ J 4 2

16
 7 8
 9

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A J 10

♥ K 9

♦ A 8 7 2

♣ A 10 9 6



♠ Q 9 8 7 4

♥ A J 10 8 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 5

North

1 NT

2 ♠

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

4 ♥

Pass

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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ A 10 9 4 3
♦ Q J 7
♣ J 5 2

11
8 6
15

♠ K Q 5 4 2
♥ 8 7
♦ A 8
♣ Q 7 6 4



♠ A 9 6
♥ K Q 6 2
♦ K 5 3 2
♣ K 8

♠ J 10 7
♥ J 5
♦ 10 9 6 4
♣ A 10 9 3

<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 South			

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

there is a game - either 3 NT or 4♠.

NORTH first transfers SOUTH to ♠s, then jumps to 3 NT, giving SOUTH the choice.

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

Deal 11

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 3
♥ 10 6
♦ J 7 6 4 3
♣ Q 4 3

20
6 4
10

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

6 ♥ by North

for 6

♥

.

♠ K 8 6
♥ A 9 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ A K J 2

N
W E
S

♠ 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

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

♥

s.

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

♠ holding NORTH might have.

SOUTH transfers NORTH to

♥

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

off two Aces. Missing one Ace he settles

Deal 12

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

	N	
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 13

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, (

♥

s), he starts his

responses with Stayman.

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

♥

s.

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

between 4♠ or 3 NT.

With three trumps NORTH chooses 4♠.

Deal 14

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K Q 10 7
♣ 10 7 2

9
9 5
17

♠ 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

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

When SOUTH bids ♠s, 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 15

North Deals

None Vul

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

17
6 10
7

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

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

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

The question is: how high?

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

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

So she bids the ♠ game.

Deal 16

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 3
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 10 8 4
♣ A Q 9 5 4

8
6 9
17

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ Q J 10 7 5
♦ K 6
♣ 8 3



♠ K J 5
♥ A K 6
♦ A Q 2
♣ 10 7 6 2

North

2 ♣
2 ♥
Pass

East

Pass
Pass
Pass

South
1 NT

2 ♦
4 ♥

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

SOUTH denies a 4-card Major, so NORTH realizes that ♠s are out.

He then bids

♥

s, promising five of them.

SOUTH not only has three

♥

s, she also has 17 points so

she bids 4

♥

.

Deal 17

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ A 8 4 2
♦ J 10 9 4
♣ Q 6 4

8
7 8
17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ Q J 10 7 5

♦ K 7

♣ 8 3



♠ A K J 5

♥ K 6

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 10 7 2

North

2 ♣

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♠

Pass

This is a companion hand to Deal 16.

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

So NORTH 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 6
 ♥ A 9 2
 ♦ 8 5 4 3
 ♣ A 5

8
 8 7
 17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ Q J 10 7 5

♦ K 7

♣ 8 3



♠ A K 5

♥ K 6

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ J 10 7 2

North

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♦

3 NT

This is companion #3 to Deal 16 and 17.

NORTH again starts with Stayman, and after SOUTH denies a 4-card Major,

NORTH shows her five

♥

s.

But in this Deal SOUTH has only a doubleton

♥

, so he

chooses to play 3 NT.

Deal 19

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 2
 ♥ 8 2
 ♦ Q 10 8 4 2
 ♣ 8 5 3

16
 6 8
 10

♠ K J
 ♥ A K 6
 ♦ J 9 5 3
 ♣ K J 9 6



♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4
 ♥ Q 7 5 3
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A Q

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

<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 South			

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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 6
♥ A 2
♦ 10 9 7 3 2
♣ 9 6 3

14
5 4
17

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 ♦

Pass

6 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ K Q 3
♥ Q 10 9 8 4 3
♦ K 5
♣ A 5

N
W E
S

♠ A 7
♥ K J 6 5
♦ A 8 4
♣ K Q 10 8

♠ 9 8 5 4 2
♥ 7
♦ Q J 6
♣ J 7 4 2

SOUTH 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.

NORTH's ♣ bid and SOUTH'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

17
4 8
11

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ A Q 9 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ A 6



♠ K J 10 3
♥ K 5
♦ A 9 3
♣ 8 7 4 2

North

1 NT

2 ♥

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

3 NT

Pass

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 22

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3 2
 ♥ 10 9 3
 ♦ K J 9
 ♣ A 8 5 2

3
 8 12
 17

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ J 9 7 4
 ♥ Q 8 6 2
 ♦ 10 8 7 6
 ♣ 4



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

North

2 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♥

♠ K Q 5
 ♥ J 5
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ K Q J 7 6 3

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

But NORTH figures that having SOUTH 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.

SOUTH bids 2

♥

and NORTH passes. He would have passed

either 2 ♠ or 2

♦

also.

Deal 23

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 4
♥ A 7 6 3 2
♦ Q J 7
♣ J 5 2

17
8 4
11

West

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A Q 6 2

♥ K J 8

♦ A 6 2

♣ K 8 7



♠ K J 7 3

♥ Q 9 5

♦ K 10 4

♣ Q 9 3

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 NT

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

Here SOUTH 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 NORTH 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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ A 9 8 2
♦ J 10 9 4
♣ J 6 2

8
6 9
17

♠ Q 10 8 6 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ A 6
♣ 10 8 4



♠ K J 7
♥ K J 5 4
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A 5

♠ 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 South			

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

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

the game by bidding 2 NT.

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