

Deal 1
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ 7 2
 ♥ J 8 7 4 2
 ♦ J 10 5
 ♣ Q 9 3

17
 4 8
 11

♠ 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			

N
W E S

♠ Q 9 6 5
 ♥ A Q 9 3
 ♦ K Q 8
 ♣ A 6

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

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 2
East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 7 4
♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ 10 8 7 6
♣ 4

12
3 17
8

West

2 ♣
Pass
2 ♥ by East

♠ K Q 5
♥ J 5
♦ 4 2
♣ K Q J 7 6 3

N
W E
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♠ 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

North East South
Pass 1 NT Pass
Pass 2 ♥ Pass

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 2â™£, Stayman. This is called "Garbage Stayman", and you can see why.

EAST bids 2

â™¥

and WEST passes. He would have passed either 2â™ or 2

â™!

also.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

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

11
 4 8
 17

	N	
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	S	

♠ 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

♠ A Q 6 2
 ♥ K J 8
 ♦ A 6 2
 ♣ K 8 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			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 â™ suit, but decides not to seek a 4-4 fit because his hand wouldn't have any ruffing values in a â™ contract. He bids 3 NT.

Notice that even though SOUTH also has four â™'s the 4-4 fit is not useful to them in

a â™ contract because neither hand can ruff any losers.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ KJ7
♥ KJ54
♦ KQ73
♣ A5

17
6
8
9

♠ 52
♥ A982
♦ J1094
♣ J62

♠ Q10864
♥ Q73
♦ A6
♣ 1084

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A93
♥ 106
♦ 852
♣ KQ973

<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♠.