

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 3
♥ 10 9 8 4
♦ Q 10 4
♣ K 8 5 2

11
5 8
16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ K 9 8 6 4
♥ A K 5 3
♦ J 8
♣ 6 4



♠ A 7 5
♥ Q J 6
♦ A K 5 2
♣ Q 10 9

North

2 ♣

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♦

4 ♠

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

between 4♠TM or 3 NT.

With three trumps SOUTH chooses 4♠TM.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 6 5
♥ K 7 6 4
♦ A 3 2
♣ 5 4

5
9 17
9

West

2 ♣ PASS 2S

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by East

♠ J 10 4
♥ 10 5
♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ A 9 8 3



♠ 9 2
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ K Q 10 7
♣ 10 7 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ A K 7 3
♥ Q J 2
♦ J 5
♣ K Q J 6

East

1 NT

2 ♠

4 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

When EAST bids 3^{NT}s, WEST isn't strong enough to bid game herself, so she temporizes

with a 3^{NT} invitation.

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

Deal 3

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.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
 ♥ Q J 10 7 5
 ♦ K 6
 ♣ 8 3

9
 8 17
 6

West

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by West

♠ A 10 8 6

♥ 9 4

♦ J 9 7 5 3

♣ K J



♠ 9 3
 ♥ 8 3 2
 ♦ 10 8 4
 ♣ A Q 9 5 4

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

2 ♦

4 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

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

He then bids

4♣

s, promising five of them.

EAST not only has three

4♥

s, she also has 17 points so

she bids 4

4♥

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Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 6

♥ 9 3

♦ 8 5 3

♣ A K J 9 5

$$\begin{array}{r} 17 \\ 8 \quad 7 \\ 8 \end{array}$$
West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A K J 5

♥ K 6

♦ A Q 6 2

♣ 10 7 2



♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ Q J 10 7 5

♦ K 7

♣ 8 3

North

1 NT

2 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 ♠

This is a companion hand to Deal 16.

NORTH shows four $\hat{\text{a}}^{\text{TM}}$ s following SOUTH's Stayman bid.

So SOUTH ignores her five

 $\hat{\text{a}}^{\text{TM}}\text{Y}$

s, having already found

an 8-card Major suit fit. With the fit her hand now revalues to 11 points so she bids 4 $\hat{\text{a}}^{\text{TM}}$.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 4 2
 ♥ Q J 10 7 5
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ 8 3

7
 8 17
 8

West

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ J 3

♥ 8 4 3

♦ J 10 9

♣ K Q 9 6 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ 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

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s.

But in this Deal EAST has only a doubleton

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, so he

chooses to play 3 NT.