

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 5
♥ K 6
♦ 8 7 5 3 2
♣ K 7 3

12
7 6
15

West

♠ A 10 9 2
♥ Q 9 7 3
♦ A Q 4
♣ 9 6



♠ K Q 7
♥ A 10 4
♦ K 9
♣ Q J 10 8 5

North

♠ 6 4 3
♥ J 8 5 2
♦ J 10 6
♣ A 4 2

*East**South*

1 NT

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

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

SOUTH's 2

♦

bid denies four cards in either Major.

NORTH 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

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

North

2 ♥
4 ♠

East

Pass
Pass

South

1 NT
2 ♠
Pass

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 10 2

♥ 4

♦ 10 9 4 3

♣ 10 8 6 4

10
6 8
16

♠ 6 4 3

♥ A K J 7 6 5

♦ 8 2

♣ Q 7

N
W E
S

♠ 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

1 NT

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 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 5 3 2

♥ K 6 2

♦ 10

♣ K Q 4 2

10
8 6
16

♠ A 9

♥ A J 9 8 3

♦ 7 5 2

♣ J 8 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K J 4

♥ Q 10

♦ K Q J 6

♣ A 9 7 3

♠ Q 8 7

♥ 7 5 4

♦ A 9 8 4 3

♣ 10 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

1 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3 NT by South

NORTH has 11 points and five

♥

s, so she responds

2

♦

as a Jacoby Transfer.

When SOUTH bids the required 2

♥

, NORTH jumps to 3 NT

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

♥

suit.

Since SOUTH 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

South

1 NT

2 ♠

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 8
♥ K 4
♦ 10 9 4 2
♣ Q 9 7 5

12
6 7
15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ A K 7 2

♥ A J 8 6

♦ 5 3

♣ 10 8 4



♠ Q 6 3

♥ Q 10 9 2

♦ A 7 6

♣ A K 3

North

2 ♣

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

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 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

*West**North**East**South*

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 3

♥ 7 4

♦ 9 5 3

♣ K Q 8 7 3

9
8 7
16

♠ Q 9 8 7 4

♥ A J 10 8 3

♦ Q 6

♣ 5



♠ A J 10

♥ K 9

♦ A 8 7 2

♣ A 10 9 6

♠ 5 2

♥ Q 6 5 2

♦ K J 10 4

♣ J 4 2

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

1 NT

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

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

First NORTH bids 2

♥

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

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

♥

, promising

enough strength for game, and also five

♥

s to go with the five ♠s.

SOUTH 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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 9 5 2
♥ 8
♦ 10 5
♣ 10 8 7 6 5

10
4 6
20

♠ 7 4
♥ K Q J 7 5 4 2
♦ A 9 2
♣ 9

N
W E
S

♠ K 8 6
♥ A 9 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ A K J 2

♠ Q J 3
♥ 10 6
♦ J 7 6 4 3
♣ Q 4 3

West	North	East	South
			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

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

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 ♠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 16

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 8 6

♥ 9 4

♦ J 9 7 5 3

♣ K J

$$\begin{matrix} 17 \\ 9 & 6 \\ 8 \end{matrix}$$
West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K J 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A Q 2

♣ 10 7 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ Q J 10 7 5

♦ K 6

♣ 8 3

North

1 NT

2 ♦

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

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

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

He then bids

♥

s, promising five of them.

NORTH 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

*West**North**East**South*

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

1 NT

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

6 ♥

Pass

4 ♦

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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 4
♥ 10 6
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ K J 10 5

11
8 4
17

♠ K J 10 3
♥ K 5
♦ A 9 3
♣ 8 7 4 2



♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ A Q 9 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ A 6

♠ 7 2
♥ J 8 7 4 2
♦ J 10 5
♣ Q 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

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

SOUTH's 2

♥

response wasn't exactly what NORTH was hoping for,

so NORTH decides to bid 3 NT.

SOUTH absolutely knows that NORTH holds a 4-card Major -

and also knows that it isn't

♥

s.

So SOUTH 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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 9 5
♥ 10 4
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ A 10 6 4

11
4 8
17

West

Pass
Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K J 7 3
♥ Q 9 5
♦ K 10 4
♣ Q 9 3



♠ A Q 6 2
♥ K J 8
♦ A 6 2
♣ K 8 7

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT
Pass

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

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

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

1 NT

Pass

2 NT

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

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♠.