

**Deal 1**

South Deals	♠ 7 4
None Vul	♥ K Q J 7 5 4 2
	♦ A 9 2
	♣ 9

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



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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			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

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s.

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

â™ holding SOUTH might have.

NORTH transfers SOUTH to

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

off two Aces. Missing one Ace he settles for 6

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**Deal 2**      ♠ K 9 8 5  
South Deals      ♥ Q 7  
None Vul      ♦ K 8 7  
                    ♣ J 9 6 5

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

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 NT by South			

NORTH has an invitational hand, (9 points), after SOUTH's 1 NT opening.

With a 4-card  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  suit she uses Stayman.

SOUTH then shows his 4-card

$\hat{a}^{\text{TMY}}$

suit.

With no

$\hat{a}^{\text{TMY}}$

fit, NORTH can only invite with 2 NT, an invitation which

SOUTH declines.

**Deal 3**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

♠ Q J 2  
 ♥ 7 2  
 ♦ 9 7 6 3  
 ♣ A J 7 3

**16**  
 8 5  
**11**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	â™¥
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass	s.

Pass  
 4 ♠ by South

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

♠ 10 3  
 ♥ 10 9 8 4  
 ♦ Q 10 4  
 ♣ K 8 5 2

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

**16**  
 8 5  
**11**

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

1 NT      Pass      Pass      2 ♣

2 ♦      Pass      Pass      3 ♠

4 ♠      Pass      Pass      Pass

Because SOUTH holds a 4-card Major suit, (

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s), he starts his

responses with Stayman.

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

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s.

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

between 4â™ or 3 NT.

With three trumps NORTH chooses 4â™.

**Deal 4**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

9	♠ A K 7 3
9 5	♥ Q J 2
17	♦ J 5
	♣ K Q J 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣ PASS	2S	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♣ by South			



♠ J 10 4	♦ 10 5
♦ 9 8 6 4	♣ A 9 8 3

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

When SOUTH bids 3<sup>♦</sup>s, NORTH isn't strong enough to bid game herself, so she temporizes

with a 3<sup>♦</sup> invitation.

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

**Deal 5**South Deals  
None Vul

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

10 7  
 6  
 17

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	S	

♠ 4  
 ♥ K 10 6 4 2  
 ♦ 8 4 2  
 ♣ K 6 5 3

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

West      North      East      South  
     1 NT

Pass      2 ♥      Pass      2 ♠  
 Pass      3 ♠      Pass      4 ♠  
 Pass      Pass      Pass

4 ♠ by South

NORTH, with 9 points and a 6-card suit, knows they should play in  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s.

The question is: how high?

NORTH transfers SOUTH to  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s, then invites by raising to  $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

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

So she bids the  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  game.