

**Board 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ K J 4  
♥ A 8  
♦ Q J 7 3  
♣ A Q T 8

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

**Baker Stayman 17**

You open 1NT and partner responds 2♣. What do you bid?

You do not have a 4-card Major. So your correct response is 2♦. Partner bids 2♥.

Partner has described a hand with 4 ♠s and 5 ♥s. You don't know his strength but it must be at least 9 points. You know that you have just a 7-card fit in both Majors, and since you have a full 17 points you bid 3NT.

**Board 2**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 6 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ J T 2

♣ A 8 5 3

♠ K 7

♥ Q J T

♦ A K 9 5

♣ K J 9 4



♠ J T 9 8 4

♥ A 8 2

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 7 2

♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 7 3

♣ Q T 6

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

**Baker Stayman 18**

You open 1NT and partner responds 2♣. What do you bid?

Your 2♦ response tells partner you have no 4-card Major suit. Then he bids 2♥. What do you say next?

Partner knows you do not have 4 ♥s, but he bid the suit anyway. He must have 5 of them and he must also have 4 ♠s (since he used Stayman). But it's the ♥s you are interested in. Partner has 5 and you have 3. So you know of an 8-card Major suit fit. And you also know you have a maximum 1NT opening. So you say 4♥.

**Board 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 4

♥ A 8

♦ T 9 5

♣ K 9 4 3 2

♠ Q J 7 6 3

♥ K T 7 3

♦ 4 2

♣ Q 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 5 2

♥ 6 5 4 2

♦ A J 7 6

♣ 8 6

♠ A K

♥ Q J 9

♦ K Q 8 3

♣ A J T 7

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT

All Pass

3 NT by South

**Baker Stayman 19**

With a balanced 20 points you open 2NT and partner responds 3♣. What do you bid?

Stayman applies after a 2NT opening, just one level higher. With no 4-card Major you bid 3♦. Partner next bids 3♠. What do you bid?

Partner is showing 5 ♠s and 4 ♥s. In neither case would you have the 8-card fit you need. So you bid 3NT.

**Board 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 7 2  
♥ 6 4 2  
♦ K T 3  
♣ J T 9 6 5

♠ Q 9 6 3

♥ K 5

♦ Q 8 7 5

♣ 7 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8 4  
♥ T 8 7 3  
♦ 6 4 2  
♣ A 8 3

♠ K J T 5  
♥ A Q J 9  
♦ A J 9  
♣ K Q

West	North	East	South
			2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠

All Pass

**Baker Stayman 20**

You open 2NT and partner responds 3♣. What do you bid?

With 4 cards in each Major suit you bid 3♥. Partner puts you in 3NT. What do you do? Pass or bid?

You certainly do not pass. Partner's Stayman bid tells you he has a 4-card Major suit. His 3NT bid tells you the suit was not ♥s. Elementary, Watson, the suit must be ♠s. So you convert the 3NT bid to 4♠.

If you want to make yourself happy you use Stayman, just imagine playing 3NT after a ♣ lead!

4 ♠ by South