

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul♠ A K
♥ Q J 9
♦ K Q 8 3
♣ A J 10 7♠ 10 9 5 4 2
♥ 6 5 4
♦ A J 6
♣ 4 3**20**
5 7
8

	N	
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♠ 8
♥ A 8 2
♦ 10 9 7 5
♣ K 9 8 6 2

♠ Q J 7 6 3
♥ K 10 7 3
♦ 4 2
♣ Q 5

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

3 NT by North

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

Stayman applies after a 2 NT 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 3 NT.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 6 3
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ Q 8 7 5
 ♣ 7 4 2

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 7 21
 4

♠ A 7
 ♥ 8 6 4 3 2
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A 8 6 5 3

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 W E
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♠ K J 10 5
 ♥ A Q J 9
 ♦ A J 9
 ♣ K Q

♠ 8 4 2
 ♥ 10 7
 ♦ K 10 6 4 2
 ♣ J 10 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠ by East			

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

With 4 cards in each Major suit you bid 3 ♥. Partner puts you in 3 NT. 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 3 NT bid tells you the suit was not ♥s. Elementary, Watson, the suit must be ♠s. So you convert the 3 NT bid to 4 ♠.

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

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 3
♥ 8
♦ J 7 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 5 2

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3 6
20

♠ K Q 4 2
♥ A Q 10 9 4 3
♦ —
♣ 8 7 4

♠ 10 7 6
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ A 3

♠ AJ 8 5
♥ KJ
♦ AK 8
♣ KJ 9 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♣ by South			

South opens 2 NT. What do you respond?

Wow! Start thinking slam, but first things first. Find the suit by starting with Stayman. You bid 3 ♣ and partner replies 3 ♠. What do you say next?

Your hand revalues to 16 points now that you know there's a ♠ fit. So certainly you want to be in slam as long as there are not two quick ♣ losers. At this point you might try something like a 4 ♦ cue bid, hoping partner will read that as a slam try in ♠s, but denying the ♣ control. But that seems awfully easy to be misunderstood. We suggest an immediate 6 ♠.

Good thing it's being played by South, right?

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 3
♥ A K 6 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q 8 7

10
15 3
12

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K J 9 6 5
♥ 7 5 2
♦ K 10
♣ K 4 3

♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ J 8 7 6 3
♣ —

♠ 10
♥ Q J
♦ A 9 4
♣ A J 10 9 6 5 2

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

2 ♥ by West

West opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

Your first thought should be that with only 4 points you will pass. But on second thought, what would partner respond if you bid a Stayman **2 ♣**? So you give it a shot and partner says **2 ♥**. What next?

What's next is your PASS. And if he had bid **2 ♠** you also would have passed. And if he had bid **2 ♦** you also would have passed. You figured that with this hand any response partner could make would be a better place than 1 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 7
♦ K 10 6 5 4
♣ 7 6 4

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5 6
12

♠ A K 7 3

♥ A 9 5

♦ 9 8 2

♣ A Q 2

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q J 7
♣ K 10 8

♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 10 3 2
♦ A 3
♣ J 9 5 3

Deal 6North Deals
None Vul

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

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11 15
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	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K J 5 4 3 2
 ♥ A 3 2
 ♦ K 6
 ♣ Q J

♠ 9 8
 ♥ K J 4
 ♦ A Q J 7
 ♣ A 10 8 5

♠ 7
 ♥ 10 9 8 6 5
 ♦ 8 4 3 2
 ♣ 6 3 2

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

After you open 1 NT partner bids 2 ♣, then North says 2 ♠. What do you say next?

Basically you said your say when you opened 1 NT. You don't have a 4-card Major and you have a minimum hand. The best way to convey this information to partner is to pass. At which point partner jumps to 3 NT. What do you say?

Pass, then "Thank you partner" when dummy comes down. The thing to remember is that partner is in charge. You describe your hand as well as you can and then sit back and let him make the decisions. Perhaps you would have doubled if you held his hand but he didn't.

Deal 7 ♠ A K
South Deals ♥ Q J 9
Both Vul ♦ K Q 8 3
 ♣ A J 10 7

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



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

Deal 8

West Deals
None Vul
♠ Q 9 6 3
♥ K 5
♦ Q 8 7 5
♣ 7 4 2



♠ A 7
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 3
♣ A 8 6 5 3

♠ 8 4 2
♥ 10 7
♦ K 10 6 4 2
♣ J 10 9

8
7 21
4

Deal 9 ♠ K Q 4 2
North Deals ♥ A Q 10 9 4 3
E-W Vul ♦ —

♣ 8 7 4

♠ 9 3
♥ 8
♦ J 7 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 10 7 6
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ A 3

♠ AJ 8 5
♥ KJ
♦ AK 8
♣ KJ 9 6

11
3 6
20

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 9 6 5

♥ 7 5 2

♦ K 10

♣ K 4 3

♠ A 8 3

♥ A K 6 4

♦ Q 5 2

♣ Q 8 7

N
W E
S

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ 10 9 8 3

♦ J 8 7 6 3

♣ —

10
15 3
12

♠ 10
♥ Q J
♦ A 9 4
♣ A J 10 9 6 5 2

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 7 3

♥ A 9 5

♦ 9 8 2

♣ A Q 2

♠ 10 4

♥ Q 8 7

♦ K 10 6 5 4

♣ 7 6 4



♠ 9 6 2

♥ J 10 3 2

♦ A 3

♣ J 9 5 3

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 6 4

♦ Q J 7

♣ K 10 8

17
5 6
12

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 5 4 3 2

♥ A 3 2

♦ K 6

♣ Q J

♠ A Q 10 6

♥ Q 7

♦ 10 9 5

♣ K 9 7 4

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A 10 8 5

♠ 7

♥ 10 9 8 6 5

♦ 8 4 3 2

♣ 6 3 2

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11 15
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Deal 13

North Deals	♠ A K
Both Vul	♥ Q J 9
	♦ K Q 8 3
	♣ A J 10 7
♠ 10 9 5 4 2	♠ 8
♥ 6 5 4	♥ A 8 2
♦ A J 6	♦ 10 9 7 5
♣ 4 3	♣ K 9 8 6 2
20 5 7 8	♠ Q J 7 6 3 ♥ K 10 7 3 ♦ 4 2 ♣ Q 5



Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7

♥ 8 6 4 3 2

♦ 3

♣ A 8 6 5 3

♠ Q 9 6 3

♥ K 5

♦ Q 8 7 5

♣ 7 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ K J 10 5

♥ A Q J 9

♦ A J 9

♣ K Q

♠ 8 4 2

♥ 10 7

♦ K 10 6 4 2

♣ J 10 9

8
7 21
4

Deal 15 ♠ K Q 4 2
South Deals ♥ A Q 10 9 4 3
N-S Vul ♦ —

♣ 8 7 4

♠ 9 3	♥ 8	♦ J 7 5 4 3 2	♣ Q 10 5 2
11	3 6	20	
♦	♦	♦	♦
♣	♣	♣	♣

♠ 10 7 6 ♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 6 ♣ A 3

♠ A J 8 5 ♥ K J
♦ A K 8 ♣ K J 9 6

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 9 6 5

♥ 7 5 2

♦ K 10

♣ K 4 3

♠ A 8 3

♥ A K 6 4

♦ Q 5 2

♣ Q 8 7

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ 10 9 8 3

♦ J 8 7 6 3

♣ —

10
15 3
12

N
W E
S

♠ 10
♥ Q J
♦ A 9 4
♣ A J 10 9 6 5 2

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 7 3

♥ A 9 5

♦ 9 8 2

♣ A Q 2

♠ 10 4

♥ Q 8 7

♦ K 10 6 5 4

♣ 7 6 4



♠ 9 6 2

♥ J 10 3 2

♦ A 3

♣ J 9 5 3

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 6 4

♦ Q J 7

♣ K 10 8

17
5 6
12

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 5 4 3 2

♥ A 3 2

♦ K 6

♣ Q J

♠ A Q 10 6

♥ Q 7

♦ 10 9 5

♣ K 9 7 4



♠ 9 8

♥ K J 4

♦ A Q J 7

♣ A 10 8 5

♠ 7

♥ 10 9 8 6 5

♦ 8 4 3 2

♣ 6 3 2

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11 15

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Deal 19 ♠ A K
South Deals ♥ Q J 9
E-W Vul ♦ K Q 8 3
 ♣ A J 10 7

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

20
5 7
8



♠ Q J 7 6 3
♥ K 10 7 3
♦ 4 2
♣ Q 5

Deal 20

West Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q 9 6 3
♥ K 5
♦ Q 8 7 5
♣ 7 4 2

♠ A 7
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 3
♣ A 8 6 5 3

N
W E
S
♠ K J 10 5
♥ A Q J 9
♦ A J 9
♣ K Q

♠ 8 4 2
♥ 10 7
♦ K 10 6 4 2
♣ J 10 9

8
7 21
4

Deal 21 ♠ K Q 4 2

North Deals ♥ A Q 10 9 4 3

N-S Vul ♦ —

♣ 8 7 4

♠ 9 3

♥ 8

♦ J 7 5 4 3 2

♣ Q 10 5 2



♠ 10 7 6

♥ 7 6 5 2

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ A 3

♠ AJ 8 5

♥ KJ

♦ AK 8

♣ KJ 9 6

11
3 6
20

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 9 6 5

♥ 7 5 2

♦ K 10

♣ K 4 3

♠ A 8 3

♥ A K 6 4

♦ Q 5 2

♣ Q 8 7

W N E S

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ 10 9 8 3

♦ J 8 7 6 3

♣ —

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15 3
12♠ 10
♥ Q J
♦ A 9 4
♣ A J 10 9 6 5 2

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♦ 9 8 2

♣ A Q 2

♠ 10 4

♥ Q 8 7

♦ K 10 6 5 4

♣ 7 6 4



♠ 9 6 2

♥ J 10 3 2

♦ A 3

♣ J 9 5 3

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 6 4

♦ Q J 7

♣ K 10 8

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5 6
12

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 5 4 3 2

♥ A 3 2

♦ K 6

♣ Q J

♠ A Q 10 6

♥ Q 7

♦ 10 9 5

♣ K 9 7 4



♠ 9 8

♥ K J 4

♦ A Q J 7

♣ A 10 8 5

♠ 7

♥ 10 9 8 6 5

♦ 8 4 3 2

♣ 6 3 2

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Deal 25

North Deals ♠ A K
E-W Vul ♥ Q J 9
 ♦ K Q 8 3
 ♣ A J 10 7

♠ 10 9 5 4 2
♥ 6 5 4
♦ A J 6
♣ 4 3

20
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8

N
W E
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♠ 8
♥ A 8 2
♦ 10 9 7 5
♣ K 9 8 6 2

♠ Q J 7 6 3
♥ K 10 7 3
♦ 4 2
♣ Q 5

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 7
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 3
♣ A 8 6 5 3

♠ Q 9 6 3
♥ K 5
♦ Q 8 7 5
♣ 7 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ K J 10 5
♥ A Q J 9
♦ A J 9
♣ K Q

8
7 21
4

♠ 8 4 2
♥ 10 7
♦ K 10 6 4 2
♣ J 10 9

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 4 2

♥ A Q 10 9 4 3

♦ —

♣ 8 7 4

♠ 9 3

♥ 8

♦ J 7 5 4 3 2

♣ Q 10 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 10 7 6

♥ 7 6 5 2

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ A 3

11
3 6
20♠ AJ 8 5
♥ KJ
♦ AK 8
♣ KJ 9 6

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♦ K 10

♣ K 4 3

♠ A 8 3

♥ A K 6 4

♦ Q 5 2

♣ Q 8 7

N
W S E

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ 10 9 8 3

♦ J 8 7 6 3

♣ —

10
15 3
12

♠ 10
♥ Q J
♦ A 9 4
♣ A J 10 9 6 5 2

Deal 29 ♠ A K 7 3

North Deals ♥ A 9 5

Both Vul ♦ 9 8 2

♣ A Q 2

♠ 10 4

♥ Q 8 7

♦ K 10 6 5 4

♣ 7 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ 9 6 2

♥ J 10 3 2

♦ A 3

♣ J 9 5 3

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 6 4

♦ Q J 7

♣ K 10 8

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5 6
12

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♦ K 6

♣ Q J

♠ A Q 10 6

♥ Q 7

♦ 10 9 5

♣ K 9 7 4



♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A 10 8 5

♠ 7
♥ 10 9 8 6 5
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 6 3 2

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11 15
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Deal 31

South Deals	♠ A K
N-S Vul	♥ Q J 9
	♦ K Q 8 3
	♣ A J 10 7
♠ 10 9 5 4 2	♠ 8
♥ 6 5 4	♥ A 8 2
♦ A J 6	♦ 10 9 7 5
♣ 4 3	♣ K 9 8 6 2
20 5 7 8	♠ Q J 7 6 3 ♥ K 10 7 3 ♦ 4 2 ♣ Q 5



Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 7
♥ 8 6 4 3 2
♦ 3
♣ A 8 6 5 3

♠ Q 9 6 3
♥ K 5
♦ Q 8 7 5
♣ 7 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ K J 10 5
♥ A Q J 9
♦ A J 9
♣ K Q

8
7 21
4

♠ 8 4 2
♥ 10 7
♦ K 10 6 4 2
♣ J 10 9

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 4 2

♥ A Q 10 9 4 3

♦ —

♣ 8 7 4

♠ 9 3

♥ 8

♦ J 7 5 4 3 2

♣ Q 10 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ 10 7 6

♥ 7 6 5 2

♦ Q 10 9 6

♣ A 3

♠ AJ 8 5

♥ KJ

♦ AK 8

♣ KJ 9 6

11
3 6
20

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 9 6 5

♥ 7 5 2

♦ K 10

♣ K 4 3

♠ A 8 3

♥ A K 6 4

♦ Q 5 2

♣ Q 8 7

N
W S E

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ 10 9 8 3

♦ J 8 7 6 3

♣ —

10
15 3
12

♠ 10
♥ Q J
♦ A 9 4
♣ A J 10 9 6 5 2

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 7 3

♥ A 9 5

♦ 9 8 2

♣ A Q 2

♠ 10 4

♥ Q 8 7

♦ K 10 6 5 4

♣ 7 6 4



♠ 9 6 2

♥ J 10 3 2

♦ A 3

♣ J 9 5 3

♠ Q J 8 5

♥ K 6 4

♦ Q J 7

♣ K 10 8

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5 6
12

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♦ K 6

♣ Q J

♠ A Q 10 6

♥ Q 7

♦ 10 9 5

♣ K 9 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A 10 8 5

♠ 7

♥ 10 9 8 6 5

♦ 8 4 3 2

♣ 6 3 2

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11 15
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