

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

17  
4 8  
11

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ Q 9 6 5  
♥ A Q 9 3  
♦ K Q 8  
♣ A 6



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

North

1 NT

2 ♥

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

3 NT

Pass

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

NORTH's 2

♠

response wasn't exactly what SOUTH was hoping for,

so SOUTH decides to bid 3 NT.

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

and also knows that it isn't

♠

s.

So NORTH bids 4♠.

**Deal 2**

East Deals  
None Vul

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

12  
3 17  
8

West

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♥ by East

♠ K Q 5

♥ J 5

♦ 4 2

♣ K Q J 7 6 3



♠ 8 3 2

♥ 10 9 3

♦ K J 9

♣ A 8 5 2

North

Pass

Pass

♠ A 10 6

♥ A K 7 4

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ 10 9

East

1 NT

2 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

WEST has a rotten hand, and many players would just pass 1 NT.

But WEST figures that having EAST play any 4-4 fit would be better than 1 NT so

he bids 2<sup>♠</sup>, Stayman. This is called "Garbage Stayman", and you can see why.

EAST bids 2

2<sup>♠</sup>

and WEST passes. He would have passed

either 2<sup>♠</sup> or 2

2<sup>♠</sup>

also.

**Deal 3**

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

W N  
 S E

♠ 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 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K J 7  
♥ K J 5 4  
♦ K Q 7 3  
♣ A 5

6  
17 8  
9

| West        | North | East | South |
|-------------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 NT        | Pass  | 2 ♥  | Pass  |
| 2 ♠         | Pass  | 2 NT | Pass  |
| 4 ♠         | Pass  | Pass | Pass  |
| 4 ♠ by West |       |      |       |

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

EAST has an invitational (9 point) hand with five  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s.

She bids it in the standard way - first transfer WEST to  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s, then invite

the game by bidding 2 NT.

WEST, with 17 points and three  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s, accepts the game invitation and chooses 4 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  .