

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

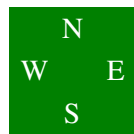
♠ A 7 3  
 ♥ T 9 4  
 ♦ K T 4 2  
 ♣ T 8 4

♠ K J

♥ A K 6

♦ J 9 5 3

♣ K J 9 6



♠ 9 2

♥ J 8 2

♦ A Q 8 6

♣ 7 5 3 2

♠ Q T 8 6 5 4

♥ Q 7 5 3

♦ 7

♣ A Q

West

North

East

South

1NT

Pass

2♣

Pass

2♦

Pass

4♠

All Pass

4♠ by South

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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.

**Board 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8 4  
♥ A 7 2  
♦ T 9 7 6 2  
♣ J 7

♠ K Q 3  
♥ Q T 9 8 4 3  
♦ K 5  
♣ A 5



♠ J 9 6 5 2  
♥ -  
♦ Q J 3  
♣ 9 6 4 3 2

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

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

6♥ by North

round control of the suit that was bid.

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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

**Board 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ K J T 3

♥ K 5

♦ A 9 3

♣ 8 7 4 2



♠ 7 2

♥ J 8 7 6

♦ 7 5 4

♣ K J T 9

♠ Q 9 6 5

♥ A Q 9 3

♦ K Q 8

♣ A 6

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

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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 3NT.

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

and also knows that it isn't

s.

So SOUTH bids 4 .

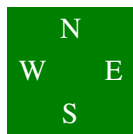
**Board 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

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



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

♠ A T 6  
 ♥ A K 7 4  
 ♦ A Q 5 3  
 ♣ T 9

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

2♥ by South

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

But NORTH figures that having SOUTH play any 4-4 fit would be better than 1NT 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.

**Board 5**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 8 5 4

♥ T 6 4

♦ 9 7

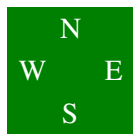
♣ A 6 5 2

♠ K J 7 3

♥ Q 9 5

♦ K T 4

♣ Q 9 3



♠ A Q 6 2

♥ K J 8

♦ A 6 2

♣ K 8 7

♠ 9

♥ A 7 3 2

♦ Q J 8 5 3

♣ J T 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

3NT

All Pass

1NT

3 NT by North

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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 3NT.

Notice that even though SOUTH also has four the 4-4 fit is not useful to them in

a contract because neither hand can ruff any losers.

Board 6

South Deals  
None Vul

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

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

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NORTH has an invitational (9 point) hand with five  
s.

She bids it in the standard way - first transfer SOUTH  
to then invite

the game by bidding 2NT.

SOUTH, with 17 points and three s accepts the  
game invitation and chooses 4 .