

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q
 ♥ 9 8 7
 ♦ Q T 9 6 4 3
 ♣ K 3 2

♠ A 7 5

♥ Q J 6

♦ A K 5 2

♣ Q T 9

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J T 3 2

♥ T 4 2

♦ 7

♣ A J 8 7 5

♠ K 9 8 6 4

♥ A K 5 3

♦ J 8

♣ 6 4

West

North

East

South

1NT

Pass

2♣

Pass

2♦

Pass

3♠

Pass

4♠

All Pass

4♠ by North

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Because SOUTH holds a 4-card Major suit, (

s), he starts his

responses with Stayman.

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

s.

He next bids showing five of them. He jumps to
3 giving NORTH the choice

between 4 or 3NT.

With three trumps NORTH chooses 4 .

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 4
 ♥ A 9 3
 ♦ 8 7 4
 ♣ T 8 7 2

♠ Q 8 6 5

♥ K 7 6 4

♦ A 3 2

♣ 5 4



♠ T 2

♥ T 8 5

♦ K Q T 9 6

♣ A 9 3

♠ A K 7 3

♥ Q J 2

♦ J 5

♣ K Q J 6

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

When SOUTH bids 3♦ NORTH isn't strong enough to bid game herself, so she temporizes

with a 3♥ invitation.

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

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

4♠ by East

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 2
 ♥ J T 8 6 3
 ♦ 8 4 3 2
 ♣ A K 6

♠ J T 8 7 6 5

♥ 9

♦ A Q 5

♣ T 7 2



♠ A 9 4 3

♥ K 4 2

♦ J 7 6

♣ 9 5 3

♠ K Q

♥ A Q 7 5

♦ K T 9

♣ Q J 8 4

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

4 ♠ by South

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NORTH, with 9 points and a 6-card suit, knows they should play in s.

The question is: how high?

NORTH transfers SOUTH to then invites by raising to 3 .

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

So she bids the game.

Board 4

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A T 8
 ♥ 2
 ♦ J T 9 8 5 4
 ♣ K 9 5

♠ K J 5

♥ A K 6

♦ A Q 2

♣ T 7 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 6 3

♥ 9 8 4 3

♦ 7 3

♣ A Q J 4

♠ Q 7 4 2

♥ Q J T 7 5

♦ K 6

♣ 8 3

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

4♥ by North

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SOUTH, with a 5-card AND a 4-card Major first uses Stayman.

NORTH denies a 4-card Major, so SOUTH realizes that ♠ are out.

He then bids

s, promising five of them.

NORTH not only has three

s, she also has 17 points so

she bids 4

Board 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 3
 ♥ 9 4 2
 ♦ 9 8 5
 ♣ A Q J 9

♠ Q 7 4 2
 ♥ Q J T 7 5
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ 8 3



♠ T 9
 ♥ A 8 3
 ♦ J T 4 3
 ♣ K 6 5 4

♠ A K J 5
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ A Q 6 2
 ♣ T 7 2

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

4 ♠ by North

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This is a companion hand to Deal 16.

SOUTH shows four following NORTH's Stayman bid.

So NORTH ignores her five

s, having already found

an 8-card Major suit fit. With the fit her hand now revalues to 11 points so she bids 4 .

Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8
 ♥ 4 3 2
 ♦ J T 4 3
 ♣ A K 6 5

♠ Q 7 4 2
 ♥ Q J T 7 5
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ 8 3



♠ T 9 6 3
 ♥ A 9 8
 ♦ 9 8 5
 ♣ Q 9 4

♠ A K 5
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ A Q 6 2
 ♣ J T 7 2

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

3 NT by South

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This is companion #3 to Deal 16 and 17.

NORTH again starts with Stayman, and after SOUTH denies a 4-card Major,

NORTH shows her five

s.

But in this Deal SOUTH has only a doubleton

, so he

chooses to play 3NT.