

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 3
♥ A 9 5 2
♦ Q 5
♣ A K J 5

♠ J T 5
♥ K J 3
♦ K T 8 6 4 3
♣ Q

N
W
E
S

♠ A 8
♥ 7 6 4
♦ A J 9 7
♣ T 9 6 4

♠ Q 9 6 4 2
♥ Q T 8
♦ 2
♣ 8 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
1NT	2♦	Dbl	All Pass

2♦ X by North

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It is possible your side can make 3NT on this deal. You have 9 points, invitational strength, and your ♦ stopper is excellent.

However you should look for an even bigger reward by doubling. North is in serious trouble, and when the opponents make a mistake you should punish them.

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 5 2

♥ 9 5 3 2

♦ K Q J 6 3 2

♣ -

♠ Q T 8 4

♥ K 6

♦ A T 7

♣ K T 8 3



♠ 7 6

♥ J T 4

♦ 8 4

♣ J 9 6 5 4 2

♠ K J 9 3

♥ A Q 8 7

♦ 9 5

♣ A Q 7

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

4 ♠ by South

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Partner's 2NT bid requests that you bid 3♣, so you do. He next says 3♦.

Partner's bid is game-forcing Stayman, but with a ♦ stopper (SLOW SHOWS). Holding 4 cards in each Major you bid up-the-line, 4♥. Partner now bids 3NT. What do you say?

Partner would not have asked for a 4-card Major unless he held one himself. Since it wasn't ♥s it must be the other one. You bid 4♠.