

**Deal 1**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ —  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ —



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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	4 ♦	Dbl	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	?

A five-notrump rebid by Blackwood Asker confirms possession of all the Aces, *invites* a grand slam, and asks for Kings. Kings are shown in bulk or (better) up-the-line per Partnership agreement.

**Bidding:** North's leap to 4♦ is a splinter jump showing a singleton diamond, strong spade support plus opening bid values. East's double of an artificial bid is lead directing. South has a perfect hand for slam: nothing wasted in diamonds.

**Deal 2**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

♠ —  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ —



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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	?

A jump to five-notrump bid in a notrump-only auction invites a grand slam. (37 points for grand slam.)

Opener can:

- bid 6 NT with minimum.
- bid 7 NT with maximum.
- bid 6 of good suit to suggest an alternative strain.

5 NT is forcing to some slam - Opener cannot pass 5 NT.

**Deal 3**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

Grand Slam Force Asks for Top Trumps

♠ —  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ —



♠ —  
 ♥ A 7  
 ♦ A K Q 6 5 4  
 ♣ A K Q 5 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	3 ♥	Pass	?

5 NT when only one possible trump suit has been bid asks:  
 – Bid grand slam *with two of the top three* trump honors.  
 – Else, six agreed-suit *witho<sup>u</sup>t* two of the top three trumps

**Elaborate Alternative:**

- Bid grand slam with two of the top three trump honors.
- Else:
  - 6 ♣: Ace or King (Axxxxx or Kxxxxx)
  - 6 ♦: Queen (Qxxxxx)
  - 6 ♥: worst trumps possible (Jxxxxx)

With a lesser trump holdings, direct return is weakest.  
 If South had ♥ Axx, only ♥ King (not ♥ Q) would be of interest.

**Deal 4**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

Pick-a-Slam 5 NT - After Transfer

♠ 10 5  
 ♥ J 10 9 8  
 ♦ J 9 7 3  
 ♣ 9 8 7

♠ A Q J 2  
 ♥ 7 6  
 ♦ K Q 10 6  
 ♣ Q J 10



♠ K 7 6  
 ♥ A K 5 4 2  
 ♦ A 8 4  
 ♣ K 5

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	5 NT <sup>2</sup>	Pass
6 NT	All pass		

1. Transfer to Hearts
2. Pick a Slam

After two strains have been bid, 5 NT is forcing and asks Partner to pick the best slam.

South starts with 4 ♠+2 ♥+3 ♦+0 ♣ = nine winners and can promote two ♣ tricks. (That's eleven.) What can be done with ♥ and/or ♦ to get a twelfth trick? Does South play a role?

**Deal 5**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

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

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

♠ A Q J 5  
 ♥ 4 3  
 ♦ Q 8 5 3  
 ♣ A 7 3

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

West	North	East	South
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♠	All pass		

5 NT in this Stayman sequence offers choice of 6 ♠ or 6 NT.

You have ten top tricks.

- In notrump you need the ♦ finesse plus a miracle to make.
- In 6 ♠, you simply ruff two ♥'s, and then draw trump.

**Deal 6**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	?		

What more does North have to tell 5 NT bidder about?

**Deal 7**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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

♠ Q 8 6 3  
 ♥ 10 8 7 3  
 ♦ A 3  
 ♣ J 8 5

♠ J 7 5 4  
 ♥ 9 6 2  
 ♦ 9 8 4  
 ♣ Q 6 4

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	?		

What more does North have to tell 5 NT bidder about?

**Deal 8**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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

♠ 8 6 5 4 3  
 ♥ 7 6 3 2  
 ♦ 9 8 3  
 ♣ 5

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

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	?		

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# Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 9 7

♥ A K 5 2

♦ A 6

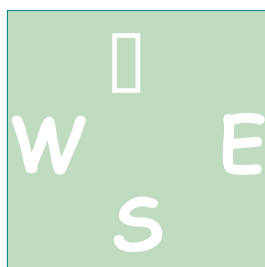
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♠ 8 3

♥ 10 9 7

♦ K 9 7 2

♣ 9 8 6 4



♠ 5 4 2

♥ Q J 8 6

♦ J 10 4

♣ 10 5 2

♠ A Q J 6

♥ 4 3

♦ Q 8 5 3

♣ A 7 3

20  
3 4  
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*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

2 NT

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

5 NT

Pass

6 ♠

All pass

5 NT in this Stayman sequence offers choice of 6 ♠ or 6 NT.

## 6 ♠ by North

### Opening Lead: ♠ 5

You have ten top tricks.

- In notrump you need the ♦ finesse plus a miracle to make.
- In 6 ♠, you simply ruff two ♥'s, and then draw trump.

## Deal 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 5 4 3

♥ Q 3

♦ 5 2

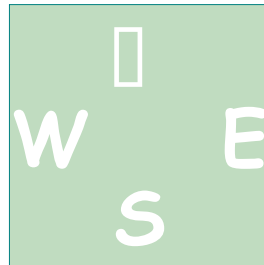
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♠ K 7 6

♥ A K 5 4 2

♦ A 8 4

♣ K 5



♠ A Q J 2

♥ 7 6

♦ K Q 10 6

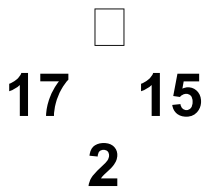
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♠ 10 9

♥ J 10 9 8

♦ J 9 7 3

♣ 9 6 3



*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

2 ♦<sup>1</sup>

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

5 NT<sup>2</sup>

Pass

6 NT

All pass

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6 NT by East

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