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## **NORTH HANDS**

**Board:** 737

Dealer: West Vul: All

♣ A 8 4 ♥ K J 2

**♦** K 8 6

♣ A J 7 3

**Board:** 740

Dealer: East Vul: EW

♠ Q J 9 2
♥ A 6

• A Q 8 4

♣ Q 5 3

**Board:** 745

Dealer: North Vul: None

♠ K J 9 7 6
♥ A Q 5
♠ A J 5

**♣** 8 3

**Board:** 96

Dealer: North Vul: None

♠ K 7 4
♥ A J 7
♠ A K 8 7 3

**♣** 6 4

**Board:** 742

Dealer: North Vul: NS

♠ T 7 ♥ Q 8 5 2 • A Q 3 • A K Q 4

**Board:** 750

Dealer: East Vul: NS

♠ K 8 6 3 ♥ 9 4 ♦ K Q T 5 2 ♣ 8 6

**Board:** 751

Dealer: South Vul: None

♠ K 5 2 ♥ A 9 7 4 ♦ 5 2 ♣ Q 8 6 4

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## **SOUTH HANDS**

**Board:** 737

Dealer: West Vul: All

★ K J 5 2
▼ T 8 7 6 4
• 9 5 3
★ 2

**Board:** 740

Dealer: East Vul: EW

♠ A 7 6 3 ♥ K J 8 4 ♦ J 2 ♣ 9 7 2

**Board:** 745

Dealer: North Vul: None

♠ Q 5♥ 4♦ K Q T 8 6 4♣ K J 9 2

**Board: 96** 

Dealer: North Vul: None

♠ Q 8 6 3 2 ♥ 8 5 4 3 • Q 9 • T 2

**Board:** 742

Dealer: North Vul: NS

♠ K J 8 4
♥ A 9 3
↑ T 8 5 2
♣ 7 6

**Board:** 750

Dealer: East Vul: NS

♠ Q J 2 ♥ A Q ♦ A J 8 6 ♣ K 9 7 4

**Board:** 751

Dealer: South Vul: None

♣ J 9 7 4
♥ Q T
♠ A K J 6
♣ K J 7

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Board: 737

Dealer: West Vul: All

West NorthEast SouthPass1NTPass2♣Pass2♣Pass2♥

Pass Pass Pass

With 4-5 in the majors it's OK to use Stayman with a weak hand. South starts with  $2^{\bullet}$  in case North has 4 spades (and not 4 hearts). When North denies a major by rebidding  $2^{\bullet}$ , South signs off in  $2^{\bullet}$ .

Board: 740 Dealer: Vul: EW

**West North East South** 

Pass Pass Pass
Pass 1NT Pass 2 Pass 2 Pass Pass Pass Pass

South's 9 points are enough to invite game opposite a 15-17 NT, but South uses Stayman in case there is a 4-4 major suit fit. When North obliges by rebidding 2♠ South makes his invitation in spades, but North still declines.

**Board:** 745

**Dealer:** North **Vul:** None **West North East South** 

1NT Pass 2♣
Pass 2♠ Pass 3♦
Pass 3♥ Pass 3NT

Pass Pass Pass

Board: 96

Dealer: North Vul: None

West North East South

1NT Pass 2♣

Pass 2♦ Pass 2♠ Pass Pass Pass

**Board:** 742

Dealer: North Vul: NS

West North East South

Pass 2♥ Pass 2NT
Pass 3NT Pass Pass

Pass

Board: 750 Dealer: Vul: NS

West North East South
Pass 1NT

Pass 2♣ Pass 2◆ Pass 2NT Pass 3NT

Pass Pass Pass

**Board:** 751

Dealer: South Vul: None

West North East South

1NT nss 2**&** Pass 2**♠** 

Pass 2 Pass 2 Pass Pass

Pass

North opens 1NT rather than 1 because he has a balanced hand with 15 points. South uses Stayman purely to set up a forcing bid in diamonds on the second round. When North shows strength in hearts South settles for 3NT.

North has a balanced 15 points and doesn't let his weak clubs or 5 card diamond suit put him off opening 1NT. South could arrange to play in 2 , but it's better to start with Stayman in case North has 4 hearts. When North denies a 4 card major South can still sign off in 2.

South uses Stayman to look for a 4-4 spade fit. North's 2♥ rebid doesn't deny spades, but South's invitational 2NT shows spades (or why did he start with Stayman and ignore partner's hearts?), so North would be able to bid 3♠ or 4♠ if he also held 4 cards in that suit.

North ignores his diamond suit and uses Stayman to look for a 4-4 spade fit. When South denies a 4 card major North invites game in NT and South (with a maximum 17 points) accepts.

North has a good hand for Stayman, but has to settle for an invitational 2NT when South shows the "wrong" major. South's hand is minimum, so he passes.

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