

No Trump Bidding (Stayman and Quantitative Raises) Revision

<div><div><div>♠K96</div><div>♥A86</div><div>♦A1042</div><div>♣J64</div></div><div><div>♠103</div><div>♥Q104</div><div>♦Q86</div><div>♣109532</div></div><div><div>♠87542</div><div>♥9752</div><div>♦975</div><div>♣7</div></div><div><div>♠AQJ</div><div>♥KJ3</div><div>♦KJ3</div><div>♣AKQ8</div></div></div>	<div>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>1NT</td><td>Pass</td><td>5NT</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>6NT</td><td>All pass</td><td></td></tr></table> <div>South holds 24 points so has sufficient strength to try for the no trump grand slam. 5NT asks North to bid 7NT with a maximum (good 13, 14) and to subside in 6NT with a minimum (12 to a bad 13). Here North has a 12 count so converts 5NT to the small slam.</div> <div>Declarer must be careful in the play. There are eleven top tricks but a twelfth can always be made in the diamond suit. If declarer seeks that trick with a finesse in hearts, that will lose and North will have to guess which way to take the two-way finesse in diamonds. An unnecessary risk.</div>	West	North	East	South		1NT	Pass	5NT	Pass	6NT	All pass	
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<div><div><div>♠K109</div><div>♥K982</div><div>♦Q8</div><div>♣A1053</div></div><div><div>♠J632</div><div>♥1065</div><div>♦109543</div><div>♣J</div></div><div><div>♠AQ8</div><div>♥J43</div><div>♦KJ76</div><div>♣Q82</div></div><div><div>♠754</div><div>♥AQ7</div><div>♦A2</div><div>♣K9764</div></div></div>	<div>Board 2 : Dealer East : NS vulnerable</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>1NT</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>2♣</td><td>Pass</td><td>2♦</td><td>All Pass</td></tr></table> <div>Here we see a weak version of Stayman being used. West doesn't have both majors but is willing to play in hearts if a 4-3 fit is found there. The comfort of the bid comes from holding five diamonds.</div> <div>2♦ is a much better contract than playing 1NT – guess the diamonds right and declarer will make seven tricks for just one down. A contract of 1NT could be held to just two tricks (there's no entry to the West hand), a far worse negative score.</div> <div>Note that North South can make game in various denominations but have no easy entry into the auction. That can happen when each hand is relatively balanced and the points are split to give each hand roughly what would be a weak no trump opening bid.</div>	West	North	East	South			1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦	All Pass
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