

## Checkback Stayman Hands to Play

<i>Hand 1</i>		None Vul Dealer North	
♠ A72		♠ Q65	
♥ KJ532		♥ Q1098	
♦ A86		♦ 102	
♣ K4		♣ AQ108	
♠ 109	N	♠ Q65	
♥ A7	W	♥ Q1098	
♦ QJ543	E	♦ 102	
♣ 9752	S	♣ AQ108	
		♠ KJ843	
		♥ 64	
		♦ K97	
		♣ J63	

West	North	East	South
-	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North shows a minimum and also his 5-card hearts suit, before supporting partner's spades.

<i>Hand 2</i>		NS Vul Dealer East	
♠ Q102		♠ A743	
♥ Q1032		♥ K5	
♦ 103		♦ AQ864	
♣ AJ106		♣ Q4	
♠ K985	N	♠ A743	
♥ AJ64	W	♥ K5	
♦ 92	E	♦ AQ864	
♣ 985	S	♣ Q4	
		♠ J6	
		♥ 987	
		♦ KJ75	
		♣ K732	

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

West correctly bids his 4-card heart suit before the spades. East shows a minimum and four spades. With the fit, West passes (having had a limit bid from East he can stop below 2NT).

<i>Hand 3</i>		EW Vul Dealer South	
♠ Q10985		♠ K43	
♥ AQ64		♥ J7	
♦ 97		♦ QJ3	
♣ 83		♣ 109642	
♠ AJ2	N	♠ K43	
♥ 1092	W	♥ J7	
♦ 1064	E	♦ QJ3	
♣ QJ75	S	♣ 109642	
		♠ 76	
		♥ K853	
		♦ AK852	
		♣ AK	

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

By jumping in diamonds (i.e. bidding above 2NT) South shows a maximum and a 5-card diamond suit (in sequence rather than the 4-card heart suit). North shows his hearts and South bids the heart game.

<i>Hand 4</i>		All Vul Dealer West	
♠ K32		♠ AJ98	
♥ 1073		♥ Q864	
♦ J		♦ K1097	
♣ J106543		♣ 8	
♠ 764	N	♠ AJ98	
♥ AK5	W	♥ Q864	
♦ AQ862	E	♦ K1097	
♣ A2	S	♣ 8	
		♠ Q105	
		♥ J92	
		♦ 543	
		♣ KQ97	

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

West correctly shows his 5-card diamond suit and maximum, enabling the diamond slam to be bid.

<i>Hand 5</i>	♠ AJ6 ♥ 83 ♦ KQ4 ♣ AK1084	NS Vul Dealer North									
♠ K72 ♥ A57 ♦ J6532 ♣ J7	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 1093 ♥ Q10 ♦ A1087 ♣ Q532
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ Q854 ♥ KJ9642 ♦ 9 ♣ 96										

<i>Hand 6</i>	♠ 9853 ♥ Q72 ♦ 9743 ♣ A10	EW Vul Dealer East									
♠ AQ6 ♥ AJ94 ♦ Q9 ♣ K753	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ KJ42 ♥ 1063 ♦ K62 ♣ J86
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 107 ♥ K85 ♦ AJ105 ♣ Q942										

<i>Hand 7</i>	♠ K32 ♥ Q103 ♦ Q2 ♣ J10952	All Vul Dealer South									
♠ J76 ♥ A9 ♦ AKJ106 ♣ A86	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q10985 ♥ K864 ♦ 97 ♣ K3
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ A4 ♥ J752 ♦ 8543 ♣ Q74										

<i>Hand 8</i>	♠ A7 ♥ J7642 ♦ AK5 ♣ K104	None Vul Dealer West									
♠ J62 ♥ Q85 ♦ QJ72 ♣ 965	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K105 ♥ A103 ♦ 1083 ♣ A732
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ Q9843 ♥ K9 ♦ 964 ♣ QJ8										

West	North	East	South
-	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

South's 2♠ bid is not strong (he hasn't used Checkback) – shows 6,7 (poor) points. North either passes (preferred) or bids 2NT.

After 1NT rebid, 2NT shows exactly 8 Points 4-3-3-3 shape, asking partner for Precisely 17 points. Don't use Checkback just for the sake of it.

West knows that his partner must be 5-4 in the majors as with 4-4 he would have bid hearts first. He can now support with the 3-card spade suit; with better spades may well bid 4S rather than 3S but 3S is preferred here showing a poor 3-card suit. East's spades are just about good enough to prefer 4S to 3NT. With say 109875, probably prefer 3NT.

North shows a minimum with 5 hearts. South now repeats his spade suit (North hasn't denied three spades).

*Hand 9*      ♠ K742      EW Vul  
                  ♥ A986      Dealer North  
                  ♦ J876  
                  ♣ 10

♠ 108	N	♠ AQ63
♥ Q754	W	♥ J3
♦ 9	E	♦ AK5
♣ KJ8654	S	♣ Q973

♠ J95  
 ♥ K102  
 ♦ Q10432  
 ♣ A2

*Hand 10*      ♠ AQ6      All Vul  
                  ♥ AQ94      Dealer  
                  ♦ Q9      East  
                  ♣ K753

♠ 1098	N	♠ 753
♥ K72	W	♥ J85
♦ A875	E	♦ J1043
♣ Q94	S	♣ A102

♠ KJ42  
 ♥ 1063  
 ♦ K62  
 ♣ J86

*Hand 11*      ♠ A72      None Vul  
                  ♥ AQ532      Dealer South  
                  ♦ A86  
                  ♣ K4

♠ QJ	N	♠ 1065
♥ K987	W	♥ J10
♦ J53	E	♦ Q1042
♣ 10982	S	♣ AJ75

♠ K9843  
 ♥ 64  
 ♦ K97  
 ♣ Q63

*Hand 12*      ♠ Q95      NS Vul  
                  ♥ A87      Dealer West  
                  ♦ 10542  
                  ♣ Q85

♠ K10843	N	♠ A72
♥ 64	W	♥ KJ532
♦ K97	E	♦ A86
♣ A63	S	♣ K4

♠ J6  
 ♥ Q109  
 ♦ QJ3  
 ♣ J10972

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
-	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pa
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

*West hasn't used Checkback so he bids a Weak 3♣ (6-card suit).*

*South's 2NT shows precisely 8 points and so North, with 17 points, can bid the game.*

*North's jump in hearts shows five and a maximum. South shows a fifth spade and North raises to game.*

*Responder wants to force even after a minimum response from opener. He bids 3♣ asking partner to give more information about his shape.*